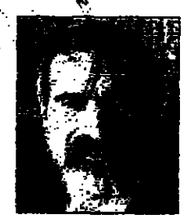
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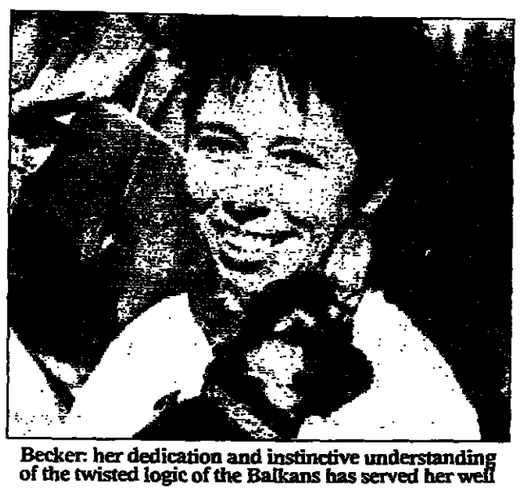
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Briton clears path through fog of Bosnia's war



Becker: her dedication and instinctive understanding of the twisted logic of the Balkans has served her well

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MEDUGORJE

THE old, borrowed London ambulance looked decidedly out of place and terribly vulnerable as Sally Becker steered it uncertainly across what had once been Mostar's airport runway but today is one of the city's most notorious frontlines.

As any veteran of Bosnia's civil war will confirm, snipers rarely respect the neutrality of civilian casualties, but this time out of good luck and careful diplomacy the guns did fall silent long enough to allow the slow-moving convoy of two ambulances and four jeeps, carrying journalists, across the no-man's land.

Occasionally a cry of pain went up from Selma Handzar, 10, who lost an arm and suffered shrapnel wounds when an artillery round exploded in a sandbagged playground. The explosion also mutilated her brother Mirza, the youngest evacuee, who nevertheless managed a smile as he was carried in a stretcher into the safety of the Spanish peacekeepers' battalion headquarters at Medugorje, from where the children will be evacuated to Zagreb and eventually third countries.

The saving of five young lives from Mostar will certainly not alter the course of conflict, a fact confirmed only minutes before the evacuation began yesterday morning when two more children were admitted to the overcrowded intensive care unit, suffering from shrapnel wounds from a tank shell explosion.

Nevertheless Ms Becker's success story must rate as one of the most extraordinary episodes of individual human victory over the misery of the civil war in the former Yugoslav republic, an achievement made even more poignant by the continued inability of the trapped UN convoy to extricate itself through negotiation from Mostar's angry demonstrators.

"My biggest hope is that this operation will open up the channels and we will be able to evacuate all injured children from every side of the war," said Ms Becker, 33, an artist from Brighton, who first became interested in helping victims in the Bosnian war when she volunteered to drive aid convoys into the area. "I do not belong to any charity. I do not even have an office, just the determination to help these people," she said.

Certainly her dedication and instinctive understanding of the twisted logic of the Balkans has served her well. Although from the start she was motivated by wanting to help an injured, but fatally wounded, Bosnian Muslim boy trapped on the besieged eastern half of Mostar, she at first concentrated her efforts on gaining the trust of the Bosnian Croats on the western side, where she lives.

"I wanted to make it clear from the beginning that I am not here to take sides, and that I want to help children from all backgrounds who need to be rescued," she said, adding that she hoped to concentrate her efforts next time on injured Bosnian Croat children trapped in central Bosnia at the makeshift hospital at Nova Bila.

Her tactic and the publicity surrounding her success appear to have worked so well that the desperate 162 UN military and aid workers still trapped in Mostar with no end in sight to the stalemate, turned to the British volunteer in the hope that their mile-long convoy of armoured personnel carriers and lorries might somehow be tacked on to the back of her two-ambulance operation.

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Doctors and bosses row over blunders

BY NIGEL HAWKES AND RICHARD DUCE

DOCTORS and hospital chiefs were locked in conflict yesterday over how healthy people came to be treated for cancer eight years after consultants first suspected that their diagnostic service was unreliable.

As scores of worried patients called an emergency helpline to find out whether their cases had been wrongly diagnosed, another consultant backed colleagues' claims that hospital managers knew about the problems much sooner than they now admit.

Mistakes have been identified in 42 cases handled by Dr Carol Starkie for the bone tumour service at Birmingham's Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, and about 2,000 more are being re-examined. An enquiry into the blunders was told that consultants had expressed doubts about Dr Starkie's work over several years, but the doctors were criticised for failing to make official complaints.

Yesterday the doctors insisted that they had told hospital bosses — while Dr Gillian Todd, the chief executive responsible for the area's acute services, flatly denied their claims. Derek McMinn said: "I know from my conversations with Dr Todd that she for certain fact knew of the inaccuracy problems." He said that during a meeting last year, she had described the problems as very severe and said she was sorting them out.

Mr McMinn's account backs up Rodney Sneath and Robert Grimer, who insist that they approached Dr Todd with their worries. The doctors also say that when Mr Grimer raised the question of the pathology service at a meeting they all attended in May this year, Dr Todd put her hands over her ears and said: "I do not want to hear any more. I know all about your problems with bone tumour pathology and I am dealing with it."

If the doctors' allegations were true, it would mean that Dr Todd was aware of the problems before the case of nine-year-old Matthew Guest came to light, prompting the enquiry. Matthew underwent three days of chemotherapy before an independent pathologist confirmed that he was suffering from an infection.

But Dr Todd rejects both stories. "The first time I knew about misdiagnoses was in May. If I had known about the problems with diagnoses at an earlier date, I would have acted then," she said yesterday. "I very much regret the clinical errors and wish that we had known about them sooner. But I will not be resigning. I and other members of the management team acted appropriately when these cases were brought to our attention."

There seems little doubt, however, that Mr Sneath and Mr Grimer did have concerns, because for three months in 1991 they sent specimens to a Glasgow pathologist who provided what they described as a more rapid and more helpful service. "Imagine how we feel, when we've struggled to tell them there's a problem and then the enquiry concludes that we are the bad boys," Mr Sneath said.

As he spoke, more patients were voicing fears about their treatment, and lawyers were preparing to launch damages suits. More than 150 people telephoned the emergency helpline, including Edward Rainbow, of Northfield, Birmingham, who is worried that the treatment he and his daughter received for bone tumours might not have been appropriate. "I have had five operations in the past ten years for bone tumours and was told all were discovered to be benign," he said, adding: "How can I now be sure?" Mr Rainbow now fears that his three-year-old grandson is at risk from an hereditary cancer and wants him tested.

The Law Society has meanwhile established a committee to put patients in touch with legal advisers, but lawyers said it was unlikely that vast sums would be awarded in compensation.

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Edward Rainbow with his daughter, Gail Trewartha, and grandson, Martin. He fears they all face cancer risk

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Winchester tops league table of sixth-form results

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

WINCHESTER College, one of the oldest and most famous schools in the country, topped the national league table of sixth-form examination results published yesterday.

The independent sector dominates a separate Times survey of A-level results at 500 schools, but leading state schools have improved their position since last year. The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, enters the top 30, and nine state schools appear in the top 100.

David Levin, the new head of the RGS and the former second master at Cheltenham College, said that the school's methods and commitment to excellence matched anything he had found in the independent sector. More than 30 of the 188 upper sixth-formers are expected to go to Oxbridge.

At Winchester, there was quiet satisfaction at heading the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) listings, which include AS-levels. Founded in 1382, with fees now reaching £12,000 a year, the school claims the longest unbroken history of any British school.

North London Collegiate School overtook St Paul's Girls to become the top girls' school, although Joan Clanchy, the headmistress, remains a critic of A levels. "Students have ... to concentrate on a narrow range of subjects and have not been allowed to work on a wide range of skills."

Westminster, top last year, remains the leading mixed school and heads The Times survey of A-level results alone. Some unfamiliar names also appear near the top of table. The eight A-level candidates at Rosemead School, Littlehampton, took eighth place.

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Lotus is sold to Bugatti

BY JOHN VINCENT

LOTUS, the famous English sports carmaker founded by the late Colin Chapman, is being sold to Bugatti of Italy, it was announced last night.

GM Europe, the European arm of General Motors, the world's biggest carmakers, said Bugatti would acquire the entire Lotus operation, including the engineering, consulting and cars businesses, as well as Lotus's US assets, for an undisclosed sum.

Bugatti International will guide the new alliance and help in the development of the brand identities of Lotus and Bugatti, which will remain separate and independent but pool resources in development and marketing.

Mario G. Barbieri, vice-president of Bugatti, said: "Sharing our engineering resources, we will be able to offer full technical and styling services to customers. We are determined to further develop Lotus production through the introduction of new models. We will also jointly develop our marketing and sales networks."

Lotus, founded in 1955, reported a loss for 1991 and last year ceased production of its Elan model, which was meant to take the company into the bigger volume league.

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How Times readers can save lives in Bosnia now

MARTIN BELL REPORTS FROM TUZLA



BBC's Martin Bell: witness and advocate of Feed the Children's life-saving work

WHOEVER is guilty of creating the hell that is Bosnia today, Adisa Ekrem and thousands of children like her are the innocent victims.

I discovered the six-year-old girl in an overcrowded makeshift refugee shelter near Tuzla. Orphaned after a devastating mortar blast, Adisa herself was now fighting for her life. The shelter was desperately short of food, particularly the food needed by young children.

At first hand, I witnessed the work of Feed the Children, the aid agency which delivers food and medical and hygiene supplies direct to children in immediate need.

They're bringing hope to hell. Their work is fast, efficient, extremely well-targeted, and often carried out in very dangerous conditions. They've saved Adisa's life – and the lives of countless more children.

But every week, yet more are made homeless. Feed the Children has pledged that if military action threatens aid deliveries to any area, they will continue to distribute supplies wherever they can in former Yugoslavia.

To do this, they need more support from people in Britain. Times readers can make a real difference. With £25, Feed the Children can feed 45 hungry infants for one day. I strongly urge you to help.

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Royals kept high in the Highlands

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

QUEEN Victoria, the stern-faced monarch who was famously not amused, appears to have ordered enough cocaine and heroin for the royal household at Balmoral to keep an entire glen high in the Highlands.

A R Clark's pharmacy in the Deeside village of Braemar, which supplied the royal family with medicines when they stayed at Balmoral, recently unearthed records dating from 1897 to 1914 which show that the royals and their guests were regularly supplied with sizeable quantities of cocaine and heroin solutions. Sleeping pills, bromides, chloroform and adrenalin were ordered. Menthol and cocaine lozenges were supplied to be "sucked occasionally".

In 1906, Princess Louise, then Princess Royal, was supplied with cocaine solution and cocaine ointment. Winston Churchill, later prime minister, was supplied with a cocaine solution when staying at nearby Invercauld House and members of the Rothschild family were regularly supplied with heroin, cocaine and opium by the Braemar chemists. The then Countess of Londesborough was given a heroin mixture while staying at Braemar Castle, while the Master of Peterhouse was supplied with the more exotic mix of belladonna and chloroform.



Victoria: her guests were given heroin

The tiny chemist's shop was established by A R Clark in 1897, and was soon granted a royal warrant to supply medicines. The shop no longer exists, but the dispensing records have been preserved by Sheila Sedgwick of Ballater, who took over the shop in 1960.

But the idea that Balmoral anticipated Woodstock is probably misplaced. At the time they were dispensed, the narcotics and stimulants were not controlled by law and such drugs were routinely used to treat genuine complaints. In 1920 laws came into effect controlling the use of cocaine and heroin.

A spokesman for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society says that at the turn of the century heroin was thought to be non-addictive and was introduced in the late 19th century to wean addicts off morphine.

Cocaine was used by Sigmund Freud in neurology and was used in dentistry in the days before anaesthetics were readily available. Rumour has it that Freud himself used to take cocaine.

"Opium was a common addictive drug at the time," says the spokesman. "It could be bought in a grocer's shop and was cheaper than alcohol". Addicts in the last century rarely injected drugs. Instead they smoked opium pipes and heroin reefers.

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Bottomley under fire as surgery ban spreads

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government's health reforms were under attack from all sides last night over a moratorium on the non-urgent treatment of patients.

After the instruction from Camden and Islington health authority to the University College Hospital group to treat only urgent cases for seven months, the health department confirmed last night that Redbridge and Waltham Forest health authority had asked the Royal National Orthopaedic, Royal London, Royal National Ear Nose and Throat and the Havering hospitals to cut back on non-urgent surgery.

With six London hospitals now banned from carrying out routine operations, Geoff Martin of the pressure group London Health Emergency warned the government that this was the first step in a crisis which could affect hospitals in other big cities.

When challenged last night about the decisions, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, could not rule out a moratorium on routine operations in other hospitals outside London. Speaking on *Channel 4 News*, she said it was not fair for hospitals to run up huge deficits which deprived other patients and health services of funds.

Earlier in the day, the health department said district health authorities were "charged with making their contracts with the hospitals who are providing the services and they are in the same position as Camden and Islington — they too have to ensure they don't overspend".

Mrs Bottomley yesterday insisted that only a small number of patients would be affected by the ban.

The 21 hospitals in the Camden authority area had to keep to the contracts for treating patients that had been agreed, she said. "If they all over-treat, spend more than they are getting, then there would be chaos."

Mrs Bottomley blamed the hospitals for overspending. The authority was spending £198 million this year, she said, and was seeking better value for money for local residents. "It is well known that UCH [University College Hospital] and the Middlesex have a deficit of £13 million this current year and they are making strenuous efforts to eliminate this to ensure that their prices remain competitive."

Mrs Bottomley said treatments at UCH, the Middlesex, and St Bartholomew's hospitals were more expensive than at, for example, the Royal Free or St Mary's, Paddington.

She said: "UCH and the Middlesex are taking the necessary management action to ensure that they remain within budget for the year and fulfil their contractual obligations to Camden and Islington health authority.

"Only a small number of patients will be affected by these measures and all urgent and emergency work will continue to be seen as before."

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, described the ban of non-urgent treatment at the hospitals, which had the medical staff and beds to treat the patients, as farcical. It proved that the health reforms were a "dog's dinner" which should be abandoned, he said.

Mr Blunkett said: "It really is time to stop treating London as an experimental laboratory in which all the test tubes are bursting open and the health and well-being of Londoners is being put at risk."

The local Labour MP, Frank Dobson, said: "Now the hospitals are being told to stop some operations because, to use Virginia Bottomley's gobbledy-gook, the hospital is 'overtreating' patients — that is, the doctors and nurses are treating the patients who need treatment quicker than the accountants can cope with."

Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, blamed inadequate funding and the internal market system, a centrepiece of the government's health reforms, for the hospitals' problems.

Miners bid farewell to colleagues killed in fall



Pall bearers carry the coffin of David Shelton, 31, one of three miners killed in the Bilsthorpe pit disaster, into Blyth parish church, Nottinghamshire, yesterday. Mourners, including his wife Sonya, 21, who is expecting their second child in less than six weeks, and their 19-month-old daughter Melodie, packed St Mary and St Martin's church. The mining community of Rainworth, Nottinghamshire, also came to a standstill yesterday as it paid tribute to Bill McCulloch, who also died in the cave-in.

Paul Smith and Orest Kocij, two of the three men to survive the disaster, attended the funeral of Mr Shelton, the colliery under-manager who was leading the mining team when the cave-in happened. Mr Shelton, who was crushed when 150ft of roof collapsed 2,000ft underground, had tried to warn his colleagues of the impending disaster before he disappeared under tons of rock.

The service, given jointly by Canon Ralph Wheaton and Canon Alan Haydock, lasted 40 minutes. They paid tribute to the husband and father who they described as selfless.

Clergy reject canon's sex message

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND JASON POOLE

THE challenge by a senior Anglican clergyman to the Christian teaching that sex outside marriage is wrong will drive more people from the Church of England, traditionalists warned yesterday.

Churchmen and women were quick to condemn Canon Anthony Harvey, sub-dean of Westminster Abbey, for calling on the church to revise its teaching that marriage is for life and to re-examine its opposition to extra-marital sex.

But his views received warm support from the Mothers' Union, which this week launched its own challenge to the nuclear family, in its journal *Home & Family*.

Ann Widdecombe, the junior social security minister who converted to the Roman Catholic Church earlier this year, said: "Many who have been wobbling as to whether to leave the Church of England will find this another reason to go."

Referring to Dr Harvey's argument that the church's credibility will be impaired if it continues to teach that marriage is indissoluble, she said: "This ignores the fact that in the past 25 years the church has been compromising its teaching and institutionalising sin, and has lost rather than gained members."

The Right Rev Philip Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester, who is chairman of the Children's Society, said the wisdom of the past should not be "scrapped overnight".

"People are ready for quite a hard debate, but they do not want a church which is consistently moving the goalposts. A church which does that will find itself out of the league."

Margaret Brown, a traditionalist on the General Synod, the church's governing body, called on Dr Harvey to resign. "There is only one place for sex, and that's in Christian marriage."

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, chairman of the church's Board for Social Responsibility, which has set up a working party on the family, said the church will need to return to the subject of the remarriage of divorcees in church. "The church is there for everybody, including divorced persons. I firmly believe that a life-long marriage commitment in trust and fidelity is God's best way."

Christine McMullen, former central vice-president of the Mothers' Union and author of the article in *Home & Family* which challenged the nuclear family, said: "One of the big problems is that people are living longer. People marrying promise to love, honour and cherish, and if they are in their teens they perhaps have 60 or 70 years of it. This is a very long time."

The Rev Tony Higton, a leading evangelical and General Synod member, said: "My understanding of the *New Testament* is that there are, sadly, grounds for divorce. But it is quite irresponsible to write an article, however he argues it, which could add to the breakdown of marriage and family."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Britons held over drugs smuggling

Six Britons believed to be responsible for smuggling tons of hashish into Britain over the past five years were detained on the Costa del Sol yesterday. Police said the gang had used fruit lorries to smuggle hashish from Morocco and amphetamines to Britain.

Those detained were: Neil Robertson, 40, from Chiswick, west London; Bernard Reagan, 50, from Cardiff; Andrew Measures, 39, from London; Dean Thomas, 23, from Darlington, Durham; Michael Jackson, 33, from Hull; and Steven Davis, 23, from Middlesborough. A Spaniard was also held.

Brewer loses 'millions'

Heineken, the Dutch-based brewery company, said yesterday it was hoping to claim from its insurers the cost of recalling 3.5 million bottles of its Export lager. The recall, which included 240,000 bottles on sale in the UK, came after splinters of glass were found in the beer. The company said the recall would cost "millions".

Mother bit teacher

A mother, aged 32, attacked a deputy headmistress, grabbed a secretary's hair and bit a teacher's leg after demanding to see the headmistress at her son's school assembly, Bournemouth Crown Court was told yesterday. She had become angry when the boy's junior school sent her a form to update. She was given a two-year probation order.

UK pressed on acid rain

Britain will come under mounting pressure next week for further big cuts in emissions of sulphur dioxide, which causes acid rain. The UN Economic Committee for Europe is meeting in Geneva to hammer out a second sulphur protocol which, for the first time, is based on maps of sensitive soils and the levels of each country's pollution.

IRA attacks police base

A pregnant woman was detained in hospital with shock and a man suffered eye injuries in an IRA mortar bomb attack on a police station in Lisnaskea, co. Fermanagh, yesterday. More than 50 houses were damaged when the mortar, fired without warning from a van in the fire station forecourt 70 yards away, missed the station and exploded in the road.

Priest on bail



Fr Patrick Ryan, 63, of co. Tipperary, right, was charged in a special criminal court in Dublin yesterday with possessing stolen property. He was remanded on bail of IR£1,000 until October 5 after being charged with handling goods, including a six-berth caravan, between March 30, 1991 and April 28, 1992. He surrendered his passport and is to report to a Dublin gardai station once a week.

Siblings share kidneys

A brother and sister have received a kidney each from the same donor in operations in Ireland. Catriona Gavin, 27, and her brother Paul, 22, from Galway, each suffered kidney failure as they approached their 21st birthdays. They are recovering from operations at the Beaumont Hospital, Galway, after the kidneys were flown from Britain.

No 'home alone' charges

Two women who left their seven children at home when they went on holiday will not be prosecuted, police said yesterday. The youngsters, aged from 10 months to 14 years, from Dorking, Surrey, were placed in foster homes on Monday by social workers. Police and social services said there was no evidence to justify proceedings.

Britons bank on finding sun elsewhere

BY BILL FROST

EYEING slate grey skies and gloomy bank holiday forecasts, hundreds of thousands of people yesterday fled Britain in search of the sun.

The Association of British Travel Agents said most airports experienced "high passenger levels". More than 300,000 passengers flew out of Heathrow alone.

For those who stayed behind to brave the gloomy domestic weather — cloud, rain and a distinct chill in the air — there were busy roads to negotiate as millions of motorists took advantage of the three-day break. The AA said the build-up to the traditional Friday exodus started on Thursday and showed no sign of abating.

Among the traditional trouble spots was the M20 in Kent and trans-Pennine and airport routes. The M6 and M62 around Manchester were billed as blackspots.

Tens of thousands of revellers are expected to converge on west London tomorrow for the Notting Hill Carnival. Last year an estimated two million people were said to have attended the largest street party of its kind this side of Rio de Janeiro.

The disorder which once characterised the carnival has largely been eliminated by the efforts of the organisers and police. However, black pressure groups said yesterday that they were going to use this year's gathering to canvass support for an underground network of safe houses for illegal immigrants, or "overstayers".



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'We're talking about the king of children being called a molester. It's like calling Santa Claus a thief'

Jackson's fans work round the clock to preserve his image

FROM WILLIAM CASH IN LOS ANGELES

AS MICHAEL Jackson's career faces ruin, Tinseltown has been slow to show support for the world's most successful pop star. With the exception of Elizabeth Taylor, who flew out to join him in Bangkok yesterday, most of Jackson's friends and colleagues fell silent as the allegations of sexually abusing Jordan Chandler, 13, were first made public.

Speaking from the Bangkok hotel in which Jackson has been recovering from "dehydration", Lee Solters, his publicist, said yesterday that the singer would be resuming his Dangerous world tour as scheduled. This weekend, Jackson is moving on to Singapore and then Japan. He plans on remaining on the road until December.

"Michael is now fine and is looking forward to getting back on stage," he said.

The task of damage limitation in Los Angeles has been taken on by Jackson's army of loyal fans. On Beethoven Street, near Venice, staff at the Michael Jackson International Fan Club have been working around the clock receiving calls from distraught fans around the world. Many have been in tears. Membership of the club costs $15.

"It's a way of letting Michael know they care," his spokesperson said. "We have had sacks of extra mail in the last few days. Michael's fans do not believe a word of these allegations. They are behind him all the way."

On Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame, wellwishers have placed flowers, cards and messages besides Jackson's gold star sunk into the pavement. On Thursday evening, a prayer vigil took place by the spot. Banners pledging support have been tied to the gate of the Jackson family compound in Encino, only to be quickly pulled down by the police.



Taylor: has flown to comfort her friend

In the big record stores across Los Angeles, managers reported no drop in sales of Michael Jackson albums. Craig Duncan of Glasgow, a manager of the Virgin Megastore on Sunset Boulevard, said: "There has been no fall-out yet. If anything, the Jackson segments on TV have helped sales. If he is charged, the situation could be very different."

Donna Samacski, 26, an optician's assistant, was browsing in Tower Records on the Sunset Strip. A loyal Jackson fan for more than ten years, she has been to numerous concerts and has all his CDs. "I cannot believe that Michael could ever do anything harmful to young children. He loves children, and they love him."

Police are reported to have expanded their investigation to include the entertainer's alleged relationship with at least four boys. But Macaulay Culkin, the actor, and Corey Feldman, former child star, both told police they had not been abused.

"We are talking about the king of children being called a child molester. It's like calling Santa Claus a thief," said Feldman.

Another friend, Wade Robson, 10, appeared on television in America to deny that Jackson had ever tried to sexually molest him. Wade said he had shared a bed with the 34-year-old star, but had not been molested by him.

Whatever the outcome of the allegations, most industry insiders believe that Jackson is finished as an endorser of products. However, spokesmen for PepsiCo, with whom Jackson had a $50 million two-year deal, stressed they would be standing by the superstar until incriminating evidence was produced.

The public in Britain have known the name and seen the photograph of the 13-year-old boy at the centre of the allegations, but American newspapers and TV news bulletins have not yet published his identity. *The New York Times* has maintained an aloof stance and refrained from mentioning the scandal in yesterday's paper.

The story seemed to have been covered more extensively around the rest of the world than in America. *The Sun*, for example, successfully scooped the *Los Angeles Times* in its own backyard.

In a bizarre final twist, it has emerged that Ivan Chandler, the father of the boy allegedly molested, co-scripted the Twentieth Century Fox movie, *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*, with Mel Brooks, the director. Brooks has admitted that the boy came up with the idea for the film.

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Michael Jackson in performance last night in Bangkok, at his delayed second concert

Bangkok supporters cheer as star finally takes the stage

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

MICHAEL Jackson did not apologise to his fans in Bangkok's national stadium last night for keeping them waiting for three days, but they forgave him anyway. The pop singer, under investigation in Los Angeles for alleged child abuse, was given a wildly enthusiastic reception at his delayed second concert.

His fans do not believe there is anything in the charges, and are standing by him, according to those in the stadium.

"I don't believe it because he is a very gentle man," said Kanjana' Hoa as she waited for the show to begin — it started 35 minutes late under a clear moonlit sky after torrential rain had flooded half of Bangkok. Heather Maher from Belfast, a secretary at the British embassy here, said: "This is people just trying to make money out of Michael Jackson. I don't believe the allegations."

Dale Griffith, an insurance man from Liverpool on a round-the-world trip, said, as Beatles tunes from his native city were played before Jackson's appearance: "I feel incredibly lucky to be here to see this. I don't believe there is anything in the allegations. This is just someone trying to get cash."

Dharini Divari, a Thai marketing manager who was dancing to the music, said: "Michael Jackson has done so much for other people. I don't think it is fair to make this kind of unproven allegation." Her friend Kaekai Poonnard, a product manager said: "As long as there is no court judgment against him, he is not guilty as far as I am concerned."

Both women, who had attended the first concert on Tuesday night, said the enthusiasm last night was greater. There might have been slightly fewer people than the 45,000 on the first night because of the floods and traffic chaos, and there were empty spaces on the floor of the partly water-logged stadium.

Had Jackson been guilty of wrong-doing — which he denies — he might have been expected to miss the performance. He did kneel and cry on stage at two points, but that is part of the show. Jackson's "Dangerous" world tour now continues in Singapore.

What with the enervating climate here, it is easy to believe that Jackson has been suffering from heat and dehydration over the past few days, remaining in a suite at the Oriental Hotel.

As Miss Maher said: "It's very easy to get sick here. The way he expends energy he has got to come down with something."

With the final song, "Save The World", Jackson appeared with children apparently from different countries and sang along with one of them. Then the lights went up, and he returned to his hotel while Bangkokians struggled home through the floods.

WORLDWIDE TOUR MAY BE EXPANDED

MICHAEL Jackson's concert organisers said yesterday that the singer may extend his Dangerous world tour, which is already travelling to six continents, to take in South Africa.

There is also speculation that the pop star may seek to remain outside the United States until the outcome of the police investigation into allegations of sexual abuse becomes clearer. *The Los Angeles Times* yesterday quoted a police source saying the raid on two of Jackson's properties last weekend had yielded no incriminating evidence.

"There is no medical evidence, no taped evidence. The search warrant didn't result in anything that would support a criminal filing," the source said.

Innocent until proven guilty: the lesson this case teaches



The accusations against Michael Jackson could, says **Libby Purves**, *have a deep effect on children everywhere*

MICHAEL Jackson fans have an almost desperate need to know if the allegations against him are true.

One girl rang the singer's fanzine in Reading, Berkshire, because, the editor explained, "she had to speak to someone". Anxious mothers, it is said, besieged the Jackson fan club, pleading to be told the truth. Fresh from listening to the radio news, my own ten-year-old son, who plays Jackson music daily, said: "Have they found him guilty, then?"

The answer, of course, is no. Some parents, faced with explaining the situation, may use it to warn their offspring about child abuse. Others, like me, prefer to use it as a peg for a civil rights sermon on the way everyone is innocent until tried and proven guilty.

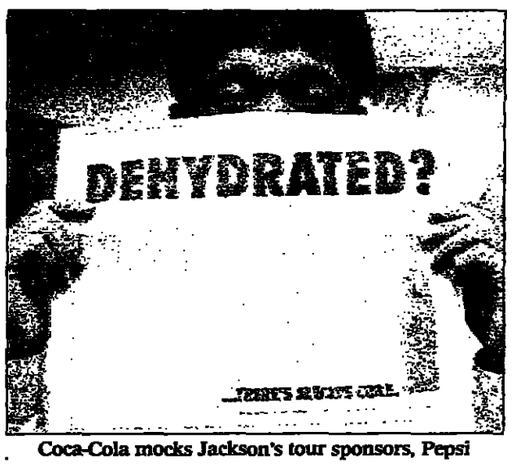
Then the children will ask what the singer is being accused of, exactly. And when they are told, they will not like or understand it.

Michael Jackson has made a career out of appearing as a perpetual child and seeming to want to share his wealth with the world's poorer children. All pop idols take hold at a deep level in children's fantasy worlds, and some will have seen him as a kind of saint (although it is worth saying that others merely like the music). A few susceptible children will, undoubtedly, be doubly shocked.

Some children, probably a minority, will believe the accusations and conclude that all the singer's kindness to children was somehow hypocritical. This parallels the now well-documented shock that women get when a doctor, therapist or priest makes a sexual advance: all earlier kindnesses seem devalued when inappropriate physical desire is revealed. Real victims find themselves unable to trust again; pop fans, though more distant, may need a bit of comforting.

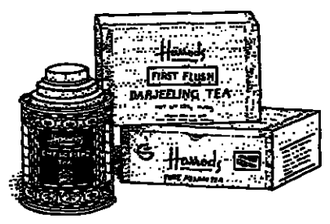
But talking a child through that trauma can wait for any future trial. Most children will merely be appalled that anybody should dare to accuse Jackson of any crime. It may not be tears that parents have to stem, but onslaughts of blind fury and vows to stow away to America and break the windows of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Young fans, at least, will be glad of the golden thread of justice and will hang on to the presumption of innocence for as long as they can. Parents would be unwise to interfere.



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Thatcher's downfall

'I spoke to John Major, who was recuperating at his home after the operation on his wisdom teeth. "We really miss you from



the campaign," I said. "So many people are talking up your chances that I assume there is some campaign running on your behalf." He vehemently denied it.'

Kenneth Baker, former Conservative party chairman, reveals how Margaret Thatcher fell victim to a political assassination, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Sugar tries to block Venables

ALAN Sugar, chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, has begun an attempt to block a court action by Terry Venables aimed at seizing control of the football club.

Mr Sugar will ask the High Court on September 13 to strike out Mr Venables' action because he has not paid the £300,000 "security for costs" required as a condition of continuing the case. The deadline for the payment was August 19. Mr Venables, former chief executive of the club, has applied for extra time to pay but his plea will not be heard until October.

Yesterday Mr Justice Lindsay granted lawyers for Mr Sugar an order for production of official transcripts of the security order hearing for use in the strike-out application.

David Mabb, counsel for Mr Sugar, his company Amshold and Tottenham Hotspur plc, said that as legal costs in preparation for a "very expensive" hearing in November were rising it was essential to decide quickly whether that hearing should proceed.

Mr Venables was not represented in court. The security order was made against his company Edennote, a 23 per cent shareholder in Spurs, because of fears that it could not afford the costs if it lost.

Playwright adds his voice to attacks on Birt and Hussey

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A BLISTERING attack on the BBC by Dennis Potter, the playwright, last night added to the crisis of confidence convulsing the corporation and which this weekend will dominate official debates and behind-the-scenes gatherings at the Edinburgh International Television Festival.

Delivering the festival's prestigious MacTaggart Memorial Lecture, which was attended by leading figures in British television, Mr Potter blamed the management style of John Birt, BBC director-general, for plunging the corporation into "near-fatal crisis" and for alienating staff.

Mr Potter, who has just finished filming a co-production with the BBC, said it was peopled by "legions of troubled and embittered employees who can scarcely understand any of the concepts of the new management culture" espoused by Mr Birt.

Echoing last month's speech by BBC's India correspondent, Mark Tully, Mr Potter accused Mr Birt and Marmaduke Hussey, BBC chairman, of dogmatism. Mr Hussey seemed incapable of representing the public interest while Mr Birt appeared to have swallowed whole "the kind of humbug-punctuated, pre-privatisation manual which is being forced on British Rail or British Coal.

"You cannot make a pair of croak-voiced Daleks appear benevolent, even if you dress one of them in an Armani suit and call the other Marmaduke," he said.

Although Mr Potter's speech was commissioned by Michael Jackson, controller of BBC2, who is chairing this year's television festival, it is the kind of attack that BBC management was hoping to avoid. As the Commons heritage committee prepares to reopen its enquiry into the future of the BBC after the summer recess, many senior BBC managers were hoping that attention now would focus on commercial television.



Potter: echoed Mark Tully's criticisms

Mr Potter did broaden the focus of the current debate on the BBC to include commercial television and the wider issue of media ownership in Britain. He said that the influence on the British media exercised by Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of News International Newspapers Ltd, parent company of *The Times*, was undemocratic. Mr Murdoch controls four other national newspapers in the UK, as well as the satellite broadcaster BSkyB.

"No individual group or company should be allowed to own more than one daily, one evening and one weekly newspaper. No newspaper should be allowed to own a television station and vice versa."

He admitted that the so-called golden age of television in which he started out in the sixties was pervaded with smugness and subject to censorship. He made an impassioned plea for a return to the public service ethos on which the BBC was originally based, and which was untainted by the profit motive.

Bank raider caught by his ears

A BANK robber was jailed for ten and a half years yesterday after being identified by his ear "print". Bobby Lee Clarke, 24, of Shoreditch, east London, wore a mask when he raided Barclays Bank in Aveley, Essex. He was filmed by security cameras inside the bank and his exposed ears and eyebrows were singled out as vital clues in his conviction.

Police used a computer at the new Facial Identification Centre, based at the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, Hammersmith, west London, to compare the bank photographs with others of the suspect. Clarke was arrested two months after the raid. Dr Peter Venezis, who heads the centre, told the jury at Snaresbrook Crown Court that human ears were like fingerprints, with no two the same. "The contours of the ear match in both images," he said.

Clarke was arrested driving one of two stolen cars used in the robbery. A sawn-off shotgun and ammunition were found in the vehicle. The jury took a little over an hour to find Clarke guilty of robbery, two counts of unlawful possession of firearms, firing a firearm with intent to endanger life and reckless driving.

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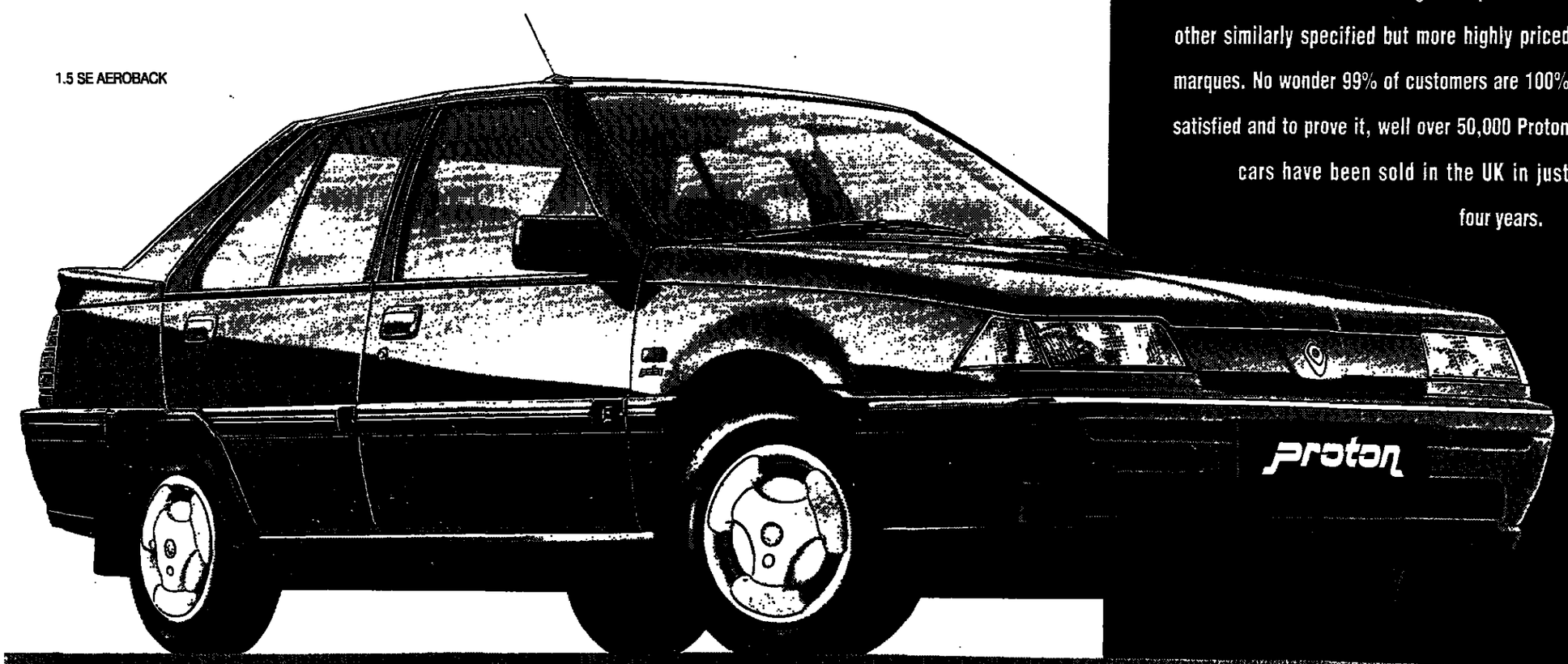
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"NEWS, EVERY MINUTE, EVERY HOUR?"

TELETEXT

Dismissed RAF mothers begin fight for compensation

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TWO RAF servicewomen who were dismissed for being pregnant took their cases to an industrial tribunal yesterday in the first of many hearings that could cost the defence ministry hundreds of millions of pounds.

Deborah Miller, 28, a mother of two who was an aerosystems operator, and her colleague Jacqueline Thornber, 33, are the first of 4,500 women dismissed from the forces when they became pregnant who hope to benefit from a European Court of Justice verdict which abolished the United Kingdom's statutory limit on tribunal awards.

British awards were previously restricted to £11,000 for public service employees, but the court ruled on August 2 that the limit breached European law. The court ruled that victims of sex discrimination must be compensated in full.

Mrs Miller, whose claim is for about £50,000, told the tribunal that her service life became a nightmare because pregnant RAF women were "made to feel dirty". She said she became so frustrated at being out of work that she started holding lingerie parties at the base in Germany where her husband, an RAF corporal, was stationed.

The tribunal at Croydon, south London, heard the defence ministry admit that its policy of dismissing women who became pregnant between 1978 and August 1990 had been unlawful. Applicants for compensation are seeking their full salaries, pension and other benefits and interest on the money owed. Lawyers working on the women's behalf say the bill is likely to run into nine figures.

The ministry is at present offering to pay the women only until the date they gave birth, claiming they were entitled to re-enlist after that date and were informed of that right in an article in the *Airman's Bulletin* in 1986. Mrs Miller told the tribunal she had not read the article or been told of it.

Mrs Miller, of Nafferton, East Yorkshire, joined the RAF in 1983. She was promoted to senior aircraftswoman in October 1986, but told the hearing her life became a nightmare after she told her senior officer she was expecting a baby early in 1987.

Mrs Miller, who was based at RAF Buchan, Grampian, while her husband was in the Falklands, said: "I tried to delay telling them I was pregnant because I knew I would be kicked out."

Mrs Miller said that although she was obliged to sign papers saying she would be discharged immediately, she continued working for a few weeks. She said: "My treatment was very unsympathetic. The RAF did not understand my condition at all. They would not provide me with a uniform to cope with my extended stomach and they kept me working on exhausting nightshifts.

"I was committed to a career in the RAF and would have finished my full nine years and gone on to be a corporal or even a sergeant if they had let me. But I had no idea I could re-enlist. I was happy in the airforce. It's a good life, the social life is good as are the promotion prospects."

When she returned to Cumbria she was unemployed for almost a year.

Miss Thornber, of Leicester, who worked for about four years as a medical assistant for the RAF and was dismissed when she became pregnant in 1985, is due to give evidence later.

The case continues.

Social scientist given £16,000 to study Newcastle's community spirit

Academic wins pub crawl grant

BY PAUL WILKINSON

AN academic has been given a £16,000 grant to carry out a year-long study of drinking habits in Newcastle upon Tyne. Bob Holland, a social science lecturer at Newcastle University, will follow revellers on their nights out in the city's Bigg Market, famous in the North East for its plethora of drinking places.

However, the grant from the Economic and Social Research Council, which has an annual budget of £50 million, has come under fire. John Shipley, leader of the Liberal Democratic opposition on Newcastle City Council, said: "It is an absurd and frivolous waste of money. I could tell them what they want to know for the price of a pint."

Dr Holland, 37, a Canadian, said: "That is unfair criticism. It is important to know why people are attracted to this place. It is research that Newcastle council will be able to make use of free of charge." He said the grant "was not to be squandered on wine, women and song", but would help gain a better understanding of the growing phenomenon of wine bars and other drinking places in the city centre. "I shall pay for all the drinks and entertainment out of my own pocket. The money will fund a part-time research assistant and the cost of transcribing tape-recorded interviews." He plans to recruit groups of regulars at the bars to follow on their nights out.

"I won't be going out with a clipboard in my hand. I want people whom I can follow to see how they behave in the Bigg Market. There is something about the place which is quite unique. It has an atmosphere all of its own. What amazes me is how such a small area can attract so many people." A spokesman for Northumbria police, who are regularly involved with over-refreshed visitors to the market, said: "We look forward to reading the results with interest."



Dr Bob Holland limbers up for his year-long academic examination of drinking and other habits in the Bigg Market's watering holes

Pet raised fire alarm

Tanya Birch, 22, woken by a pet rabbit scratching noisily at its hutch, found that her block of flats in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, was on fire. She grabbed her daughter Heather, 2, and raised the alarm before fleeing the building.

Two other families trapped by smoke were rescued by firemen using a ladder. Ms Birch, her daughter and another woman were treated in hospital for smoke inhalation. A fire brigade spokesman said: "Unfortunately, the rabbit died."

Railings death

Police in west London confessed they were mystified by the death of a man in his thirties found with his head stuck between iron railings in Notting Hill Gate.

Boys charged

Two 15-year-old boys have been charged with arson following a blaze which wrecked a Tesco superstore and shops in Maidstone, Kent, causing £15 million damage.

Old sea dog

A Royal Navy helicopter returning from exercises in the Firth of Clyde winched to safety a pensioner's blind spaniel, which was swimming out to sea off Prestwick.

Motorist fights to clear name

AN innocent man convicted two years ago of an offence after a friend gave his name when stopped by police is still fighting to clear his name, a court was told yesterday.

Colin Russell was convicted by Newham magistrates in east London and fined for not producing documents, despite protesting that he was not the man stopped. His appeal was dismissed.

Mr Russell then went to the police. By chance, he saw one of the officers who had stopped the driver — Mr Russell's friend Matthew Franklin, who was subsequently arrested for perverting the course of justice. Franklin, of Stratford, east London, admitted the charge at the Old Bailey and was jailed for three months.

Mr Russell is still awaiting a full pardon from the home secretary, and appears regularly before magistrates to explain why he is not paying a fine for an offence he did not commit. Aftab Jafferjee, for the prosecution, said: "The court and police officers have written to the Home Office but a pardon still has not been issued." The Recorder of London, Judge Verney, expressed dismay at the delay.

Michael Conning, for the defence, told the court Franklin had not imagined that the consequences of giving a false name would be so grave.



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State sector increases share of honours

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

INDEPENDENT schools continue to dominate the upper reaches of the A-level league tables, but more state *schools are entering the lists.*

The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, which is again the best placed in the state sector, has moved into the top 25 in *The Times* league table. More grammar schools feature among the leading schools than last year.

None can compare with Winchester College when AS levels are included, however. Although pipped by Westminster in 1992, Winchester turned the tables this year and had the best results over a five-year period.

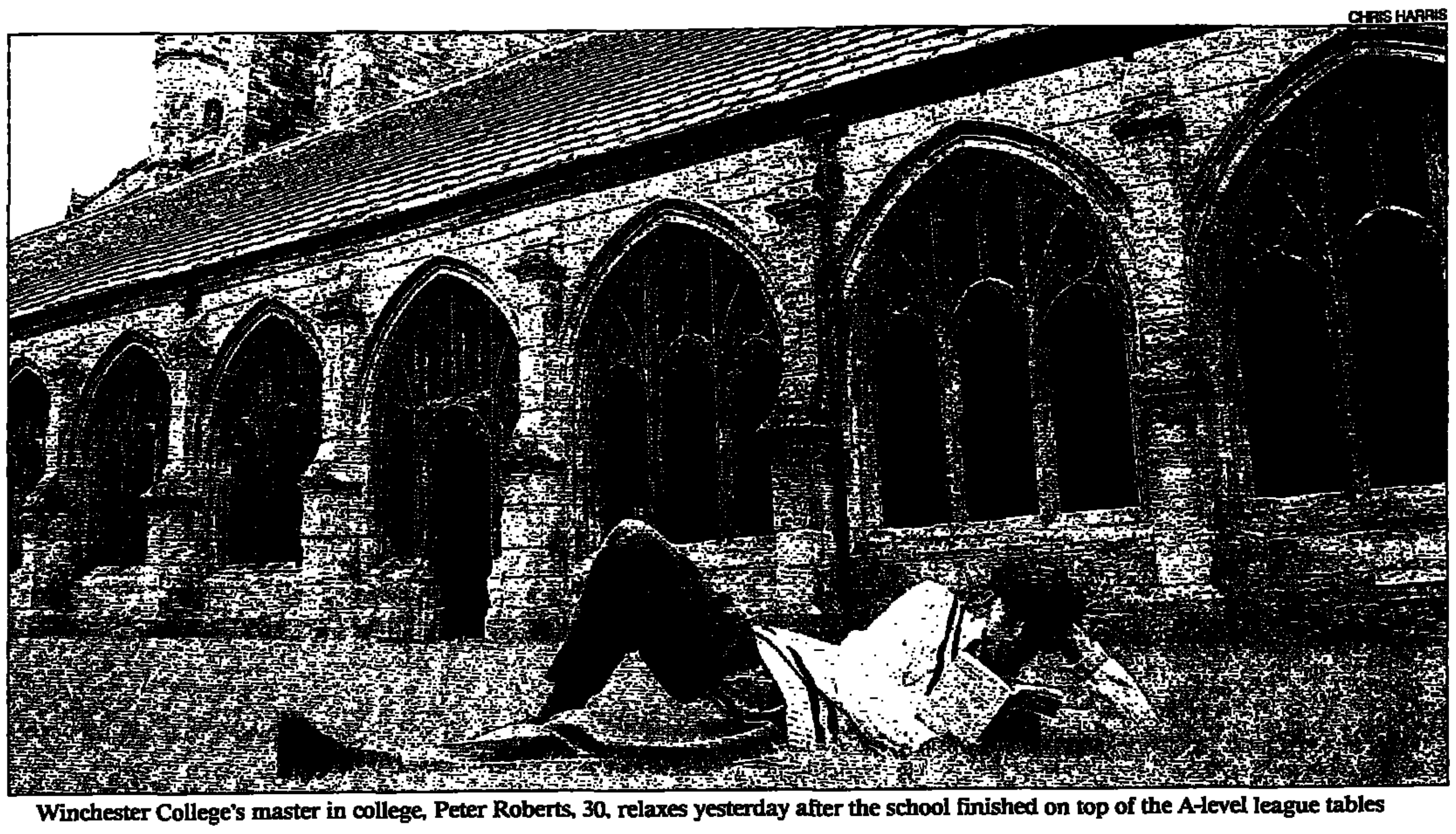
About 50 of the 124 upper sixth-formers are expected to go on to Oxford or Cambridge. More than 60 per cent of the entries were awarded A grades. Winchester was one of the few leading independent schools to publish its examination results in the government's national tables published last year. James Sabben-Clare, the headmaster, said: "I think it is important, *if the government is* going to publish information such as this, that schools like ours participate."

On A levels alone, Westminster remains the leading school in Britain, with St Paul's School, London, close *behind Winchester in third* place. In the state sector, three girls' schools follow High Wycombe. Colchester County High and Chelmsford County High rank with Tiffin Girls Grammar School in Kingston, Surrey, as the only other state schools in the combined top 50.

Pass rates at A level have increased nationally, but the rise has been greatest in the independent sector. The 31,000 independent school candidates showed an improvement of more than 2 per cent on last year. Statistics covering a five-year period show dramatic improvements in many of the leading schools. Sutton Valence School, in Maidstone, topped a list of 20 where the pass rate had risen by more than 20 per cent since 1988. Independent schools cater for 19 per cent of all sixth-formers. Almost three-quarters leave with one or more A level.

Greater London emerges as the area with the top private schools, followed by the West Midlands and Manchester. All areas except the Channel Islands and Northumberland this year improved on previous exam performances, bettering the UCCA average score for 1988 to 1992.

CHRIS HARRIS



Winchester College's master in college, Peter Roberts, 30, relaxes yesterday after the school finished on top of the A-level league tables

THE TOP INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS FOR A AND AS-LEVEL

	State schools in bold type	No of pupils	Ucca score av'ge
1	Winchester College, Winchester, Hants b	124	29.5
2	St Paul's School, London b	158	29.4
3	Westminster School, London m	146	29.3
4	King Edward's School, Birmingham b	104	28.9
5	North London Collegiate School, Edgware, Gr London g	98	28.3
6	Eton College, Windsor, Berks b	262	28.2
7	St Paul's Girls School, *London g*	101	27.3
8	Rosemead, Littlehampton, W Sussex	8	27.2
9	King's College School, London b	126	26.9
10	Haberdashers Aske's School, Borehamwood, Herts g	160	26.7
11	Manchester Grammar School, Manchester b	210	26.5
12	Bradford Grammar School, Bradford, W Yorks	160	26.2
	Withington Girls School, Manchester g	58	26.2
14	Haberdashers Aske's School (Girls), Elstree, Herts g	124	26.0
15	Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe, Bucks g	89	25.7
16	Guildford High School for Girls, Surrey g	50	25.6
17	King Edward VI High School (Girls), Birmingham g	80	25.5
	South Hampstead High School, London g	77	25.6
19	Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent b	123	25.4
20	Nottingham High School, Notts b	112	25.3
21	Godolphin & Latymer School, London g	87	25.0
	Portsmouth High School, Southsea, Hants g	60	25.0
23	Royal Grammar School, Guildford, Surrey b	118	24.9
	City of London School, London b	110	24.9
	Perse School, Cambridge b	65	24.9
26	Magdalen College School, Oxford b	74	24.7
	St Albans High School for Girls, Herts g	56	24.7
28	Radley College, Abingdon, Oxon b	110	24.6
	Abbey School, Reading, Berks g	82	24.8
	Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton, Gr London g	75	24.6
31	Leicester Grammar School, Leics m	59	24.4
32	King's School, Canterbury, Kent m	159	24.3
	Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood, Gr London g	112	24.3
34	Croydon High School, South Croydon, Gr London g	76	24.1
	St Mary's School, Calne, Wilts	46	24.1
36	Bridgewater School, Manchester	1	24.0
37	Rugby School, Rugby, Warwicks	147	23.9
	Benenden School, Cranbrook, Kent	62	23.9
39	Harrow School, Harrow on the Hill, Gr London	136	23.7
	Perse School for Girls, Cambridge	55	23.7
41	University College School, London	101	23.6
42	*Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne*	159	23.5
	Ampleforth College, York, N Yorks	118	23.5
44	James Allen's Girls School, London	85	23.5
	Tormead School, Guildford, Surrey	31	23.5
46	Cheltenham Ladies College, Cheltenham, Glos	135	23.4
	Portsmouth Grammar School, Hants	101	23.4
	King's School, Chester, Cheshire	64	23.4
	Queen's School, Chester, Cheshire	62	23.4
	Sir William Perkins' School, Chertsey, Surrey	57	23.4

GUIDE TO THE TOP 500 PERFORMING STATE AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

How Britain's schools compare

THE main league table measures A-level results only, and compares schools from the state and independent sectors.

The table integrates a survey of several hundred state schools with results published today by the Independent Schools Information Service.

All AS levels and general studies A levels have been removed to make the comparison as fair as possible. Many schools, especially in the state sector, do not offer AS levels.

Points have been calculated on the system used by the Universities Central Council on Admissions. Ten points are awarded for an A grade at A level, eight for a B, six for a C, four for a D and two for an E. The system was chosen, rather than comparing only the top grades, to reflect the widest possible range of results.

Very few head teachers declined to participate in this year's survey, although many oppose the production of league tables. The positions are not intended to indicate the overall quality of schools, but strictly to compare performance in the academic test that is seen as the "gold standard" of secondary education.

Most of the leading schools, whether in the state or independent sector, are selective. No attempt has been made to allow for the improvement in pupils' achievements produced by comprehensive schools, which are at a disadvantage in such tables because of their broader intake.

The variety of examinations taken in the sixth-form has made comparisons increasingly difficult. A growing number of schools and colleges offer vocational qualifications, and some teach the International Baccalaureate, as well as A levels.

Presentation of the results, both for A levels and other examinations, is the subject of continuing debate. The government has promised a wider spread of indicators when its own tables are published later in the year.

State schools in bold type	No of pupils	Ucca score av'ge
Westminster School, London m	146	28.3
Winchester College, Winchester, Hants b	124	28.1
St Paul's School, London b	158	28.0
North London Collegiate School, Edgware, Gr London g	96	27.5
St Paul's Girls School, London g	101	27.3
Eton College, Windsor, Berks b	262	27.2
King Edward's School, Birmingham b	104	27.1
Manchester Grammar School, Manchester b	210	26.2
King's College School, London b	126	26.2
Haberdashers Aske's School, Borehamwood, Herts g	160	25.8
Withington Girls School, Manchester g	58	25.7
Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe, Bucks g	89	25.6
Bradford Grammar School, Bradford, W Yorks m	160	25.5
Guildford High School for Girls, Surrey g	50	25.5
Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent b	123	25.3
King Edward VI High School (Girls), Birmingham g	80	25.1
Perse School, Cambridge b	65	24.9
Haberdashers Aske's School (Girls), Elstree, Herts g	124	24.8
Godolphin & Latymer School, London g	87	24.8
South Hampstead High School, London g	77	24.8
Royal Grammar School, Guildford, Surrey b	118	24.7
Nottingham High School, Notts b	112	24.7
Magdalen College School, Oxford b	74	24.6
Twycross House, Warwicks m	14	24.5
Royal Grammar, High Wycombe, Bucks b/gr	188	24.4
Portsmouth High School, Southsea, Hants g	60	24.4
Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood, Gr London g	112	24.2
City of London School, London b	110	24.2
Radley College, Abingdon, Oxon b	110	24.2
Croydon High School, South Croydon, Gr London g	76	24.1
Leicester Grammar School, Leics m	59	24.1
St Mary's School, Calne, Wilts g	46	24.1
Rosemead, Littlehampton, W Sussex	8	24.0
Bridgewater School, Manchester m	1	24.0
Rugby School, Rugby, Warwicks g	147	23.8
Abbey School, Reading, Berks g	82	23.8
St Albans High School for Girls, Herts g	56	23.7
University College School, London b	101	23.5
Harrow School, Harrow on the Hill, Gr London b	136	23.4
Cheltenham Ladies College, Cheltenham, Glos g	135	23.4
Portsmouth Grammar School, Hants	101	23.4
Eltham College, London m	89	23.3
Merchant Taylors' School, Liverpool b	102	23.2
Colchester County High, Colchester, Essex g/gr	93	23.2
Sir William Perkins' School, Chertsey, Surrey g	57	23.2
Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton, Gr London g	75	23.1
Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, Salop g	32	23.1
Dulwich College, London b	186	23.0
King's School, Canterbury, Kent m	159	23.0
Highgate School, London b	98	23.0
Chelmsford County High, Essex g/gr	96	23.0
Tiffin Girls Grammar, Kingston, Surrey g/gr	89	23.0
James Allen's Girls School, London g	85	23.0
Benenden School, Cranbrook, Kent	62	23.0
Queen's School, Chester, Cheshire g	62	23.0
Perse School for Girls, Cambridge g	55	23.0
King's School, Chester, Cheshire b	64	22.9
Loughborough High School, Loughborough, Leics g	62	22.9
St Mary's School, South Ascot, Berks g	43	22.9
Epsom College, Epsom, Surrey m	149	22.8
Badminton School, Bristol, Avon g	44	22.8
Latymer Upper School, London b	113	22.7
Ampleforth College, York, N Yorks b	118	22.6
Bolton School (Girls), Bolton, Lancs g	99	22.6
Caterham School, Caterham, Surrey m	91	22.5
Francis Holland School Clarence Gate, London g	45	22.5
Tormead School, Guildford, Surrey	31	22.5
St Gerards School, Bangor, N Wales	13	22.5
Maynard School, Exeter, Devon g	55	22.4
Latymer, Edmonton, Gr London m/gr	162	22.3
Charterhouse, Godalming, Surrey m	149	22.3
Shrewsbury School, Shrewsbury, Salop b	140	22.3
Haberdashers Monmouth School (Girls), S Wales g	73	22.3
Old Palace School, Croydon, Gr London g	69	22.3
Grange School, Northwich, Cheshire m	58	22.3
Loughborough Grammar School, Loughborough, Leics b	129	22.2
Abingdon School, Abingdon, Oxon b	117	22.2
City of London School For Girls, London g	69	22.2
Oakham School, Oakham, Leics	146	22.1
Whitgift School, South Croydon, Gr London b	124	22.1
Manchester High School for Girls, Manchester g	88	22.1
Chigwell School, Chigwell, Essex m	69	22.1
Talbot Heath School, Bournemouth, Dorset g	50	22.1
Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berks m	178	22.0
Tiffin Boys, Kingston, Surrey b/gr	110	22.0
Wolverhampton Grammar School, W Midlands m	98	22.0
King Edward VI Camp Hill, Kings Heath, Birmingham b/gr	86	22.0
Malvern Girls College, Malvern, Herworcs g	82	22.0
Wimbledon High School, London g	61	22.0
Rochester Grammar, Kent g/gr	45	22.0
St Michael's School, Llanelli, S Wales	15	22.0
King Henry VIII, Coventry, W Midlands m	114	21.9
Newstead Wood, Orpington, Kent g/gr	102	21.9
Bath High School, Bath, Avon g	49	21.9
Ipswich High School, Ipswich, Suffolk g	46	21.9
Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne b	159	21.8
Sherborne School, Sherborne, Dorset g	130	21.8
Ipswich School, Ipswich, Suffolk m	101	21.8
Downe House, Newbury, Berks g	54	21.8
Burgess Hill School, Burgess Hill, W Sussex	26	21.8
Oundle School, Peterborough, Northants m	196	21.7
King Edward VI Grammar, Chelmsford, Essex b/gr	113	21.7
Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex m	97	21.7
St Peter's School, York, N Yorks m	96	21.7
Sherborne School For Girls, Dorset g	76	21.7
Berkhamsted School for Girls, Berkhamsted, Herts g	68	21.7
St Helen & St Katharine, Abingdon, Oxon g	62	21.7
Woldingham School, Woldingham, Surrey g	48	21.7
Nottingham High School for Girls, Notts g	100	21.6
Norwich School, Norwich, Norfolk b	91	21.6
St Helen's School, Northwood, Gr London g	72	21.6
Bablake School, Coventry, W Midlands m	109	21.5
Hasmonean High, London m/comp	87	21.5
Pate's Grammar, Cheltenham, Glos m	162	21.4
Solihull School, Solihull, W Midlands m	145	21.4
The Blue Coat, Liverpool b/comp	104	21.4
King's High School for Girls, Warwick g	60	21.4
St Catherine's School, Guildford, Surrey g	50	21.4
Derby High School, Derby g	18	21.4
Newcastle-under-Lyme School, Staffs m	173	21.3
Haybridge High School, Worcestershire m	67	21.3
Brighton & Hove High School, Brighton, E Sussex g	42	21.3
Marlborough College, Marlborough, Wilts m	202	21.2
Bristol Grammar School, Bristol, Avon m	130	21.2
King Edward VI School, Southampton, Hants m	130	21.2
Brighton College, Brighton, E Sussex m	100	21.2
St Olave's, Kent b/gr	79	21.2
Channing School, London	31	21.2
Teesside High School for Girls, Stockton-on-Tees g	23	21.2
St Mary's Convent School, Worcester, Herworc g	13	21.2
Leeds Grammar School, Leeds, W Yorks b	120	21.1
Queen Anne's School, Reading, Berks g	48	21.1
Christ's Hospital, Horsham, W Sussex m	92	21.0
Leeds Girls High School, Leeds, W Yorks g	70	21.0
Surbiton High School, Kingston Upon Thames g	38	21.0
Cobham Hall School, Gravesend, Kent g	26	21.0
Eastbourne College, Eastbourne, E Sussex b	112	20.9
Lancing College, Sussex, W Sussex m	124	20.8
Cheadle Hulme School, Cheadle, Cheshire m	112	20.8

State schools in bold type	No of pupils	Ucca score av'ge
Headington School, Oxford g	63	20.8
Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol, Avon b	53	20.8
Carmel College, Wallingford, Oxon m	31	20.8
Harrogate Grammar, N Yorks m/comp	180	20.7
Dame Alice Owen's, Potters Bar, Herts m/comp	110	20.7
Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, W Yorks b	99	20.7
Royal Grammar School, Worcester, Herworcs b	79	20.7
Putney High School, London	65	20.7
Kendrick, Reading, Berks g/gr	82	20.6
Wellingborough School, Northants m	76	20.6
Oxford High School, Oxford	69	20.6
Hulme Grammar School for Girls, Oldham, Lancs g	55	20.6
St Margaret's School for Girls, Exeter, Devon g	46	20.6
Haileybury, Hertford, Herts m	159	20.5
Hampton School, Hampton, Gr London b	123	20.5
Merchant Taylors' School for Girls, Liverpool g	77	20.5
Notting Hill & Ealing High School, London g	75	20.5
Alice Ottley School, Worcester, Herworcs g	59	20.5
Red Maids' School, Bristol, Avon g	56	20.5
St James Independent School for Boys, London b	19	20.5
Thetford Grammar School, Norfolk	18	20.5
Bury Grammar School, Bury, Lancs g	77	20.4
Edgbaston High School for Girls, Birmingham	55	20.4
St Leonards School, St Andrews, Scotland g	37	20.4
Dr Challoner's Grammar, Amersham, Bucks b/gr	179	20.3
Stockport Grammar School, Stockport, Cheshire m	128	20.3
Central Newcastle High School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne g	68	20.3
Bedales School, Petersfield, Hants m	58	20.3
Queen Margaret's School, York, N Yorks g	45	20.3
Tudor Hall School, Banbury, Oxon	31	20.3
Colchester Royal Grammar, Essex b/gr	89	20.2
Henrietta Barnett, London g/gr	88	20.2
Bradford Girls Grammar School, Bradford, W Yorks g	85	20.2
Repton School, Derby m	122	20.1
Reading, Reading b/gr	96	20.1
Norwich High School for Girls, Norwich, Norfolk g	74	20.1
Lord Wandsworth College, Basingstoke, Hants m	61	20.1
St Swithun's School, Winchester, Hants g	43	20.1
Kingsley School, Leamington Spa, Warwicks g	34	20.1
King's School, Worcester, Herworcs m	139	20.0
Lancaster Royal Grammar, Lancs m/gr	122	20.0
Bryanston School, Blandford, Dorset m	117	20.0
Clifton High School, Bristol, Avon g	57	20.0
Caistor Grammar, Caistor, Lincs m/gr	36	20.0
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Church High School g	31	20.0
St Felix School, Southwold, Suffolk	24	20.0
Hellenic College, London m	9	20.0
Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, Lancs	93	19.9
Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk m	90	19.9
Hereford Cathedral School, Hereford, Herworcs b	83	19.9
Ermysted Grammar, N Yorks b/gr	63	19.9
Millfield School, Street, Somerset m	234	19.8
Bedford School, Bedford b	143	19.8
Reigate Grammar School, Reigate, Surrey m	123	19.8
Brentwood School, Brentwood, Essex m	95	19.8
Trinity School, Croydon, Gr London b	84	19.8
Oratory School, Reading, Berks b	53	19.8
Casterton School, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria g	45	19.8
Royal Naval School for Girls, Haslemere, Surrey g	19	19.8
Hull High School, Anlaby, Humber m	18	19.8
Malvern College, Malvern, Herworcs m	148	19.7
St Edward's School, Oxford b	121	19.7
St Albans School, St Albans, Herts m	101	19.7
King Edward VI Five Ways, Bartley Grn, Birmingham b/gr	91	19.7
Skinner's Company, Tunbridge Wells, Kent b	106	19.6
King Edward's School, Bath, Avon b	105	19.6
The Judd, Tonbridge b/gr	104	19.6
Redland High School, Bristol, Avon g	57	19.6
Bromley High School, Bromley, Kent g	56	19.6
Clifton College, Bristol, Avon m	116	19.5
Roedean School, Brighton, E Sussex g	73	19.5
Sheffield High School, Sheffield, S Yorks g	68	19.5
Truro School, Truro, Cornwall m	138	19.4
Cherwell, Oxford m/comp	130	19.4
Alleyn's School, London m	125	19.4
Canford School, Wimborne, Dorset b	110	19.4
Wakefield Girls High School, W Yorks g	99	19.4
Monmouth School, Monmouth, S Wales b	85	19.4
King Edward VI, Stratford b/gr	56	19.4
Farnborough Hill, Farnborough, Hants g	22	19.4
Westcliff High, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex b/gr	115	19.3
Tonbridge Grammar, Tonbridge, Kent g/gr	112	19.3
Hymers College, Hull, Humber m	102	19.3
St John's School, Leatherhead, Surrey b	92	19.3
Forest, Winnersh, Berks (xx/xx)	76	19.3
Blackheath High School, London g	33	19.3
Exeter School, Exeter, Devon b	135	19.2
Bournemouth School, Dorset b/gr	119	19.2
Felsted School, Dunmow, Essex b	101	19.2
Arnold School, Blackpool, Lancs m	89	19.2
Dean Close School, Cheltenham, Glos m	85	19.2
King's, Peterborough, Cambs m/gr	82	19.2
St Leonards-Mayfield School, Mayfield, E Sussex g	79	19.2
Sutton High School, Sutton, Gr London g	66	19.2
Durham High School, Durham, g	32	19.2
Frensham Heights, Farnham, Surrey m	32	19.2
Kent College Pembury, Pembury, Kent g	20	19.2
Elizabeth College, Guernsey b	58	19.1
Dr Challoner's High, Little Chalfont, Bucks g/gr	133	19.0
Stamford School, Stamford, Lincs b	114	19.0
Ardingly College, Haywards Heath, W Sussex m	82	19.0
Taunton School, Taunton, Somerset m	82	19.0
Kingston Grammar School, Kingston upon Thames m	75	19.0
Wycombe High, High Wycombe, Bucks g/gr	151	18.9
Bedford Modern School, Bedford b	126	18.9
Simon Langton, Canterbury, Kent g/gr	84	18.9
Downside School, Bath, Avon b	92	18.9
Queen Mary's High, Walsall g/gr	73	18.9
Ashford School, Ashford, Kent g	57	18.9
Beaconsfield High, Bucks g/gr	121	18.8
Queen Mary's Grammar, Walsall, W Midlands b/gr	80	18.8

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Chetham's School of Music, Manchester m	57	18.8
Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks, Kent g	52	18.8
Scarisbrick Hall School, Ormskirk, Lancs m	14	18.8
Leys School, Cambridge b	98	18.7
Stamford High School for Girls, Lincs g	88	18.7
St Nicholas RC High, Hartford, Cheshire m/comp	58	18.7
Bootham School, York, N Yorks m	50	18.7
Nonsuch High, Cheam, Surrey g/gr	135	18.6
Colfe's School, London b	99	18.6
St Maur's School, Weybridge, Surrey g	42	18.6
Cheltenham College, Cheltenham, Glos b	125	18.5
Bury Grammar School (Girls), Bury, Lancs g	100	18.5
Charters School, Sunningdale m/comp	74	18.5
Ranelagh, Bracknell, Berks m/comp	64	18.5
Rye St Antony School, Oxford g	26	18.5
Charters-Ancaster School, Bexhill-on-Sea, E Sussex g	8	18.5
Cranbrook, Kent m/gr	134	18.4
Barnard Castle School, Barnard Castle, Durham b	75	18.4
St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, Kent m	61	18.4
Worth School, Crawley, W Sussex b	60	18.4
Wentworth Milton Mount School, Bournemouth, Dorset g	30	18.4
More House School, London g	15	18.4
Bradfield College, Reading, Berks b	136	18.3
Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School, Kent 103 18.3		
St Edward's College, Liverpool m	89	18.3
Wellington School, Wellington, Somerset m	87	18.3
St Benedict's School, London b	82	18.3
Stonyhurst College, Stonyhurst, Lancs b	82	18.3
Queen's College, Taunton, Somerset m	77	18.3
St Michael's Grammar, N Finchley, London g/gr	75	18.3
Berkhamsted School, Berkhamsted, Herts b	73	18.3
Kimbolton School, Huntingdon, Cambs m	70	18.3
Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, Glos m	65	18.3
King's School, Bruton, Somerset b	59	18.3
Colyton Grammar, Devon m/gr	49	18.3
Mount School, York, N Yorks g	28	18.3
Collingwood, Camberley, Surrey m/comp	164	18.2
Uppingham School, Uppingham, Leics m	151	18.2
Stowe School, Buckingham, Bucks b	139	18.2
Forest Schools, London m	128	18.2
Watford Grammar, Herts g/comp	117	18.2
Birkenhead School, Birkenhead, Mersey b	91	18.2
Yarm School, Yarm, Cleveland b	80	18.2
St Mary's School, Cambridge g	54	18.2
Claremont Fan Court School, Esher, Surrey m	31	18.2
Bolton School (Boys), Bolton, Lancs b	110	18.1
Birkenhead High School, Birkenhead, Mersey g	93	18.1
Altrincham Grammar, Cheshire g/gr	77	18.1
Northampton High School, Northampton, Northants g	52	18.1
Howell's School, Denbigh, N Wales g	40	18.1
St Dunstan's Abbey School, Plymouth, Devon g	28	18.1
King Edward VI, Aston, Birmingham b/gr	76	18.0
Stratford-Upon-Avon Grammar, Warwicks g/gr	62	18.0
Colston's Girls School, Bristol, Avon g	61	18.0
Aylesbury High, Bucks g/gr	173	17.9
Woodford County High, Woodford Green g/gr	93	17.9
Bishop Wordsworth's, Salisbury, Wilts b/gr	90	17.9
Ilkley Grammar, Ilkley, W Yorks m/comp	87	17.9
John Lyon School, Harrow, Gr London b	81	17.9
Bishop's Stortford College, Herts b	58	17.9
Burnham Grammar, Burnham, Bucks m/gr	62	17.9
King's School, Gloucester, Glos m	41	17.9
Leicester High School for Girls, Leicester, Leics g	1517.9	
Mill Hill School, London m	110	17.8
Warwick School, Warwick, Warwicks b	107	17.8
Wells Cathedral School, Wells, Somerset m	85	17.8
Bloxham School, Nr Banbury, Oxon m	80	17.8
St Joseph's College, Ipswich, Suffolk b	72	17.8
St Mary's, Redcliff, Bristol (xx/XX)	61	17.8
Holts School, Wokingham g/comp	50	17.8
Holy Trinity College, Bromley, Kent g	32	17.8
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Blackburn, Lancs b	160	17.7
King's School, Macclesfield, Cheshire b	137	17.7
King's College, Taunton, Somerset m	105	17.7
Plymouth College, Plymouth, Devon b	86	17.7
Sir Roger Manwood's, Kent m/gr	85	17.7
Dartford Grammar, Dartford, Kent b/gr	79	17.7
Howell's School Llandaff, Cardiff, S Wales g	73	17.7
Queen Elizabeth Boys, Barnet, b/gr	64	17.7
Woodbridge School, Woodbridge, Suffolk m	62	17.7
Weald Of Kent Grammar, Tonbridge, Kent g/gr	46	17.7
Farlington School, Horsham, W Sussex g	34	17.7
Cranleigh School, Cranleigh, Surrey b	121	17.6
Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, Cheshire m/comp	97	17.6
Ilford County High, Barkingside, Ilford b/gr	85	17.6
King's School, Tynemouth, Tyne m	85	17.6
Leighton Park School, Reading, Berks m	47	17.6
St Antony's-Leweston School, Sherborne, Dorset g	42	17.6
Gordonstoun School, Moray, Scotland m	92	17.5
Urmston Grammar, Manchester (xx/XX)	86	17.5
Carre's Grammar, Sleaford, Lincs b/gr	48	17.5
Harrogate Ladies College, Harrogate, N Yorks g	40	17.5
Northwood College, Northwood, Gr London g	28	17.5
Rougemont School, Newport, S Wales m	28	17.5
Streatham Hill & Clapham High School, London g	22	17.5
Croham Hurst School, South Croydon, Gr London g	19	17.5
Eothen School, Caterham, Surrey g	15	17.5
King Edward VI Handsworth, Birmingham g/gr	110	17.4
Cowbridge, South Glamorgan, m/comp	101	17.4
Christleton High, Christleton, Chester m/comp	84	17.4
King Edward's School, Godalming, Surrey m	49	17.4
Maidstone Grammar, Maidstone m/gr	186	17.3
Clitheroe Royal Grammar, Lancs m/gr	161	17.3
Durham Johnston Comprehensive, Durham m/comp	120	17.3
Dame Alice Harpur School, Bedford, Beds g	101	17.3
Hurtwood House, Dorking m	91	17.3
North Halifax Grammar, Illingworth, W Yorks m/gr	65	17.3
Wolverhampton Girls High, W Midlands m/gr	60	17.3
Godolphin School, Salisbury, Wilts g	40	17.3
Edgbaston C of E College, Birmingham g	14	17.3
City of London Freemen's School, Ashtead Park, Surrey m	78	17.2

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King's School, Rochester, Kent m	66	17.2
Queenswood School, Hatfield, Herts g	52	17.2
St George's School, Ascot, Berks g	36	17.2
Aylesbury Grammar, Bucks b/gr	215	17.1
Trent College, Nottingham, Derbys m	125	17.1
Maghull Deyes High, Maghull, Liverpool m/comp	91	17.1
Prior Park College, Bath, Avon m	63	17.1
St James Independent School for Girls, London g	15	17.1
St Bede's College, Manchester m	171	17.0
The London Oratory, London m/comp	151	17.0
Southend High, Southend-on-Sea, Essex b/gr	125	17.0
Parkstone Grammar, Dorset g/gr	90	17.0
Chatham House Grammar, Ramsgate, Kent b/gr	89	17.0
Wilson's, Wallington, Surrey b/gr	89	17.0
Lancaster Girl's Grammar, Lancaster g/gr	87	17.0
Bishop Luffa CE, Chichester, W Sussex m/comp	77	17.0
Liverpool College, Liverpool b	59	17.0
King William's College, Isle of Man m	47	17.0
Moreton Hall School, Oswestry, Salop g	42	17.0
Kesteven & Sleaford High, Sleaford, Lincs g/gr	35	17.0
Newport Girl's High, Newport, Shopshire g/gr	31	17.0
West Heath School, Sevenoaks, Kent	24	17.0
Duchy Grammar School, Truro, Cornwall m	6	17.0
Highsted, Sittingbourne, Kent g/gr	113	16.9
Rossall School, Fleetwood, Lancs m	69	16.9
Cardinal Vaughan Memorial, Kensington, London m/comp	67	16.9
Belvedere School, Liverpool g	38	16.9
Ursuline Convent School, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent g	29	16.9
Stafford Grammar School, Stafford, Staffs m	23	16.9
Notre Dame School, Lingfield, Surrey g	11	16.9
St Mary's Hall, Brighton, E Sussex g	11	16.9
Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar, Kent m/gr	161	16.8
William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester m	95	16.8
Durham School, Durham, m	81	16.8
Dame Allan's Schools, Newcastle-upon-Tyne b	83	16.7
Sydenham High School, London g	48	16.7
Longridge Towers School, Berwick-upon-Tweed m	8	16.7
Rainham Mark Grammar, Gillingham, Kent m/gr	133	16.6
King Alfred's, Oxon m/comp	107	16.6
Chichester High, Chichester, m/comp	55	16.6
Fairfield School, Surrey m/comp	87	16.6
Therfield School, Leatherhead, Surrey m/comp	87	16.6
St Ambrose College, Altrincham, Cheshire b	55	16.6
Rendcomb College, Cirencester, Glos b	42	16.6
St Mary's School, Shaftesbury, Dorset g	37	16.6
Harrogate Grammar, N Yorks m/comp	180	16.5
St Bernards Convent, Slough, g/gr	84	16.5
Sedbergh School, Sedbergh, Cumbria b	81	16.5
Dauntsey's School, Devizes, Wilts m	70	16.5
St Bees School, St Bees, Cumbria	48	16.5
Ladies College, Guernsey g	44	16.5
Austin Friars School, Carlisle, Cumbria m	39	16.5
Bedford High School, Bedford g	107	16.4
Bishop Stopford, Kettering, Northants m	85	16.4
Sir William Borlases, Marlow, Bucks m	84	16.4
Kirkham Grammar School, Preston, Lancs m	59	16.4
Moira House School, Eastbourne, E Sussex g	37	16.4
Batley Grammar School, Batley, W Yorks b	79	16.3
Christ College, Brecon, S Wales b	65	16.3
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Horncastle, Lincs m/gr	62	16.3
King's School, Ely, Cambs m	46	16.3
North Foreland Lodge, Basingstoke, Hants	21	16.3
Colchester Sixth Form College, Essex m/comp	670	16.2
Gravesend Grammar, Kent b/gr	108	16.2
Sutton Grammar, Surrey (xx/xx)	82	16.2
Monkton Combe School, Bath, Avon m	77	16.2
Chew Valley, Bristol, (M/Comp)	59	16.2
St Martin's, Solihull, W Midlands g	11	16.2
Olchfa Comprehensive, Swansea, S Wales m/comp	212	16.1
Reading Blue Coat School, Reading, Berks b	82	16.1
Spalding Grammar, Spalding, Lincs b/gr	80	16.1
St Edmund's School, Canterbury, Kent m	57	16.1
Truro High School for Girls, Cornwall g	31	16.1
Penrhos College, Colwyn Bay, N Wales g	29	16.1
St Mary's School, Wantage, Oxon g	27	16.1
JFS, Camden, London m/comp	109	16.0
Silverdale Secondary, Sheffield (xx/XX)	85	16.0
Wallington County Grammar, Wallington, Surrey g/gr	82	16.0
Sidcot School, Winscombe, Avon m	22	16.0
Chesham High, Chesham, Bucks m/gr	152	15.9
King Edward VI, Lichfield, Staffs, m/comp	108	15.9
Kent College, Canterbury, Kent m	66	15.9
Framlingham College, Woodbridge, Suffolk m	65	15.9
Sutton Valence School, Maidstone, Kent m	60	15.9
Rishworth School, Sowerby Bridge, W Yorks m	47	15.9
Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon g	36	15.9
King Alfred School, London m	14	15.9
Rugby High, Rugby, Warks (G/Gr)	91	15.8
Ryde School, Ryde, IoW m	47	15.8
Highclare School, Sutton Coldfield, W Midlands g	23	15.8
St Francis' College, Letchworth, Herts g	21	15.8
Torquay Boys' Grammar, Torquay, Devon b/gr	126	15.7
Ripon Grammar, Ripon m/gr	85	15.7
Harvey Grammar, Folkestone, Kent b/gr	83	15.7
Richmond, N Yorks, m/comp	82	15.7
St Anselm's College, Birkenhead, Mersey b	68	15.7
Queen Elizabeth's School, Faversham, Kent	64	15.7
St Dunstan's College, London b	63	15.7
Kingswood School, Bath, Avon m	60	15.7
Queen's College London, London g	50	15.7
Westholme School, Blackburn, Lancs g	50	15.7
St John's College, Southsea, Hants b	43	15.7
Heathfield School, Pinner, Gr London g	31	15.7
Beechwood School Sacred Heart, Tunbridge Wells, Kent m	18	15.7
St Elphin's School, Matlock, Derbys g	16	15.7
Weald School, Billinghurst	92	15.6
Bristol Cathedral School, Bristol, Avon b	50	15.6
Greenacre School, Banstead, Surrey g	31	15.6
York College for Girls, York, N Yorks g	10	15.6
St Mary's High, Chesterfield m/comp	87	15.5
Old Swinford Hospital, W Midlands b/comp	82	15.5
Queen Mary School, Lytham, Lancs g	57	15.5
Stonar School, Melksham, Wilts g	40	15.5
St Christopher School, Letchworth, Herts m	35	15.5
Heathfield School, Ascot, Berks g	19	15.5
New Hall School, Chelmsford, Essex g	65	15.4
Giggleswick School, Settle, N Yorks m	58	15.4
Doual School, Reading, Berks b	36	15.4
St James School, Grimsby, Humber m	7	15.4
Ashville College, Harrogate, N Yorks m	43	15.3
Tettenhall College, Wolverhampton, W Midlands m	39	15.3
Mount Carmel Convent School, Alderley Edge, Cheshire g	19	15.3
Gateways School, Leeds, W Yorks g	15	15.3
Poole Grammar, Dorset b/gr	119	15.2
Blundell's School, Tiverton, Devon b	107	15.2
Wisbech Grammar School, Wisbech, Cambs m	75	15.2
Skipton Girls' High, Skipton, N Yorks g/gr	66	15.2
Birkdale School, Sheffield, S Yorks b	43	15.2
Presentation College, Reading, Berks b	37	15.2
Farringtons School, Chislehurst, Kent g	22	15.2
Purcell School of Music, Harrow On The Hill, Gr London m	22	15.2
Abbey Gate College, Chester, Cheshire m	21	15.2
St Dominic's Priory School, Stone, Staffs g	10	15.2
Driffield School, Humberside m/comp		
Boston High, Lincs g/gr	109	15.1
Hurstpierpoint College, Hassocks, W Sussex b	92	15.1
Mount School, London g	55	15.1
Polam Hall School, Darlington, Durham g	28	15.1
St-Hilary's School, Alderley Edge, Cheshire g	24	15.1
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Chess computers take the lead in battle of wits

Genius fails to check march of machines

BY RAYMOND KEENE

ONE of the world's strongest chess grandmasters has suffered defeat at the hands of a computer on what many will regard as the blackest day yet in the continuing struggle between human mind and machine.

Judit Polgar, the 17-year-old Hungarian chess prodigy and the world's youngest grandmaster, suffered the surprising defeat in Boston by the Deep Blue chess computer, the world's most powerful chess calculating machine. It is the first time a player with such a senior rating has lost a match to a computer.

The machine, formerly known as Deep Thought, defeated Polgar by one win and one draw with no losses in a two game match.

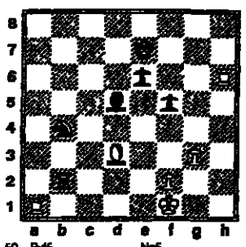
Polgar drew black for the first game and played the Sicilian Defence against Deep Blue's prototype 1 e4. After much shuffling, the machine played a strange combination and won the exchange for a pawn. Polgar then managed to entangle the machine's pieces for a while but missed a second tactical shot on White's move 59. The game finished soon afterwards in the machine's favour.

In the second game Polgar narrowly escaped a second defeat to draw the game in 61 moves.

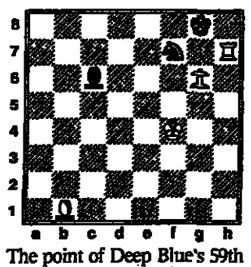
The game in which Polgar lost to the machine is below.

White: Deep Blue
Black: Judit Polgar
Match 1993
Sicilian Defence

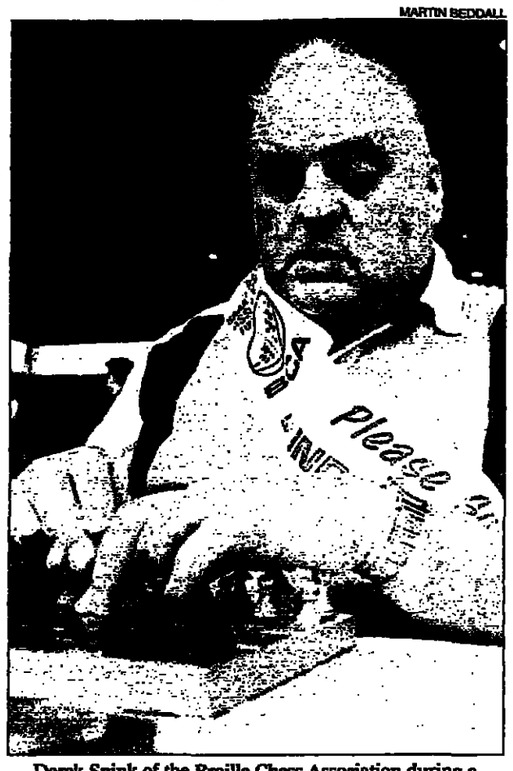
1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nc6
5	Nc3	Qc7
6	Be2	a6
7	0-0	Bb4
8	Nxc6	bxc6
9	Qd4	Bb7
10	Qxg7	Bxf2+
11	Kh1	Be5
12	Bf4	Bxg7
13	Bxc7	d5
14	Rad1	Ne7
15	Ne4	Ra7
16	Bb6	Ra8
17	c3	Ng6
18	Bc7	Ra7
19	Bb8	Rb7
20	Bg3	0-0
21	exd5	cxd5
22	Rfe1	f5
23	Bd6	Rd8
24	Ba3	Rc7
25	Rxe5	Rxc3
26	Re7	Rc1+
27	Kg2	Rc2+
28	Kf3	Rb2
29	Re1	Rb3+
30	Ke4	Nc5+
31	Kd5	Rb5+
32	Kc6	Rb6+
33	Kc7	Rb7+
34	Kc8	Rb8+
35	Kc7	Rb7+
36	Kc6	Rb6+
37	Kc5	Rb5+
38	Kc4	Rb4+
39	Kc3	Rb3+
40	Kd2	Rb2+
41	Ke3	Rb3+
42	Ke4	Rb4+
43	Ke5	Rb5+
44	Kf6	Rb6+
45	Kg5	Rb5+
46	Kg6	Rb6+
47	Kg5	Rb5+
48	Kf6	Rb6+
49	Be5	Rb5+
50	Kf7	Rb7+
51	Ke6	Rb6+
52	Be5	Rb5+
53	Kd7	Rb7+
54	Ke7	Rb6+
55	Ke8	Rb8+
56	Ke7	Rb7+
57	Bd6	Rb6+
58	Kf7	Rb7+



59	Bd5	Nc5
60	Kf6	Rc4+
61	Kg5	Rc3
62	Kf5	Rc1+
63	Kxf7	Rc5
64	Kf7+	Kf5
65	Ke7	Ne5
66	Kd2	Rf3+
67	Ke3	Rc5
68	1-	Nf7
69	g4	e5
70	g5+	Kg7
71	Kf7+	Kg8
72	g6	g24+
73	Kg4	



The point of Deep Blue's 59th move, which took Polgar completely by surprise, was that if Black plays 59 ... exf5 60 Ra7 drives the Black king into a net.



MARTIN BEDDALL

Derek Spink of the Braille Chess Association during a display game at Euston station, London, yesterday

VILLAINS OF THE PIECE

CHESS has attracted its fair share of dubious characters. One of the strongest sinners was Norman Tweed Whitaker, an American lawyer turned conman who reached international master strength in the twenties. His most famous scam was extracting $100,000 from the Lindberg parents on the false promise that he could return their kidnapped infant.

Raymond Weinstein, last heard of serving life in an American jail for murder with a razor, was also an international master and an opponent of Bobby Fischer. According to the *British Chess Magazine*, he had a "ruthless killer instinct" for the game — and that was before the crime.

Robert Maxwell always kept a splendid ivory and marble chess set in his office at the *Mirror* building in London. He would set up critical positions from great games of the past and then astonish visitors by casually making the perfect move.

☐ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Fox and Richard James (Faber & Faber; £10.99)

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Plaskett takes lead in Lloyds Bank Masters

FORMER British champion James Plaskett seized the lead in the sixth round of the Lloyds Bank Masters tournament at London's Cumberland Hotel by defeating the previous leader, Dutch grandmaster Paul van der Sterren.

Other top results from round six were: Miles beat Nunn, Speelman beat Obukhov, Emms beat Hebden, Wells drew with Norwood, Gallagher drew with Reilly, Ferron drew with Flear, Mitkov drew with Arkell. Leading scores are: Plaskett 5½ points from 6 games; Miles, Speelman and Emms 5 points.

The tournament runs until Monday August 30 at the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, London W1.

Reader's game

Times reader Dr P. Wason has submitted the following exciting clash played in a recent correspondence game.

White: Wason
Black: Richter
ICCP European Master 1987

Benoni Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	c5
4	d5	exd5
5	cxd5	d6
6	e4	a6
7	f4	g6
8	e5	Nh5
9	Nf3	b5
10	Be2	Bg4
11	Ng5	h6
12	Bxg4	hxg5
13	Bxh5	gxf4
14	0-0	cbe5
15	Bg4	f5
16	Qe1	Bg7
17	Bxd4	0-0
18	Bxe5	Re8
19	Bxd5	gxf5
20	Bc7	Qd7
21	Qg3	b4
22	Rae1	bxc3
23	bxc3	Kh7
24	Qh4+	Kg8
25	Rxe8+	Qxe8
26	Re1	Qf8
27	Re7	Ra7
28	Qe1	Kh7
29	Qe8	c4
30	d6	Nc6
31	Re8	Nd8
32	Rxd8	Qf6
33	Qxf6	Bxf6
34	Rf8	Black resigns

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Spectacular resignations

Alekhine once resigned by picking up his king and hurling it across the room. If Times readers have instances of any unusual methods of resigning, send them to me c/o Championship Chess, The Times, 1 Pennington St. London E1 9XN for possible inclusion in this column.

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Credo

Stemming tide of family breakdown

Dr Jonathan Sacks

From the sustained attacks on it in recent years, the family suffered a blow this week from an unexpected source: the journal of the Mothers' Union. A union's former vice-president, Christine McMullen, wrote that the nuclear family "is seen by many as too stifling, secretive and imprisoning". She added: "There is a multiplicity of family styles around today, and all need to be considered as valid."

It is true that the nuclear family — husband, wife and children as a "haven in a heartless world" — is a modern, not timeless, institution. There are alternatives. My early years of childhood were spent in an extended family with grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, and I can still remember its warmth. In biblical times there were yet more extended groups.



The question today is not whether we can create something larger than the nuclear family, but whether we can survive something smaller and less stable. Four marriages in ten now end in divorce. Single-parent families have doubled in the past 20 years. Less than one child in two will grow up in the context of an enduring relationship between its parents.

The tide will not be turned by government policy, sermonising, or by appeals to tradition. Nonetheless, it must be turned for the sake of our children.

The Bible is a document of immense moral power because it does not treat the family as romantic myth. In the many family portraits in the book of Genesis there is not one without its rivalries and strife. Yet it takes marriage as an ideal and parenthood as the first of all commands. The reason surely is this: to have a child is the nearest we come to the creativity of God. Nothing is more awe-inspiring than to bring new life into existence. And no decision carries greater responsibility.

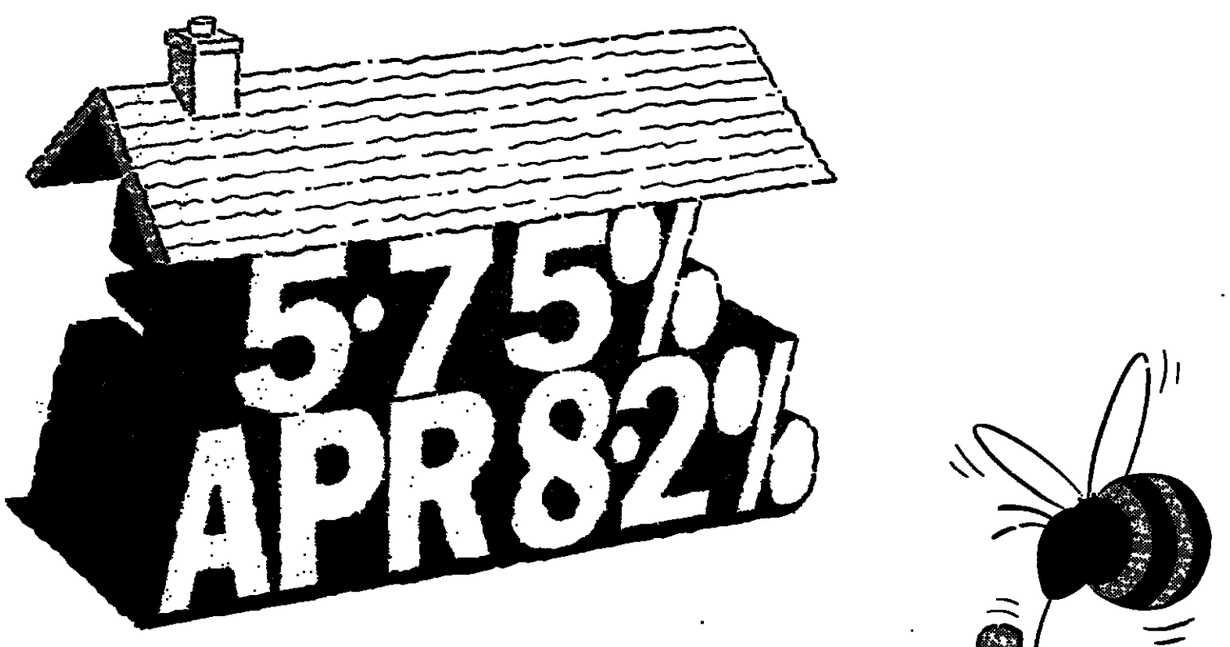
The biblical word for faith, "emunah", means loyalty. It comes from the same Hebrew word as the verb for bringing up a child. There is a connection between the two. God's faith is portrayed in the Bible in the language of fatherhood. We are God's children and He does not abandon us. There is no greater faithlessness than having a child and then walking away. What we are in danger of losing is not the conventional family, but fatherhood. Too many fathers are walking away, leaving mothers to bear a burden nobody should be forced to carry alone. Those who suffer most will be those they chose to bring into being. That is not an act, but *the* act, of abdication of responsibility.

The family is not a guarantor of happiness, but a moral challenge. It is built on the premise that those who come together to create new life share the duty of nurturing it. Alternatives have been proposed, but none has succeeded.

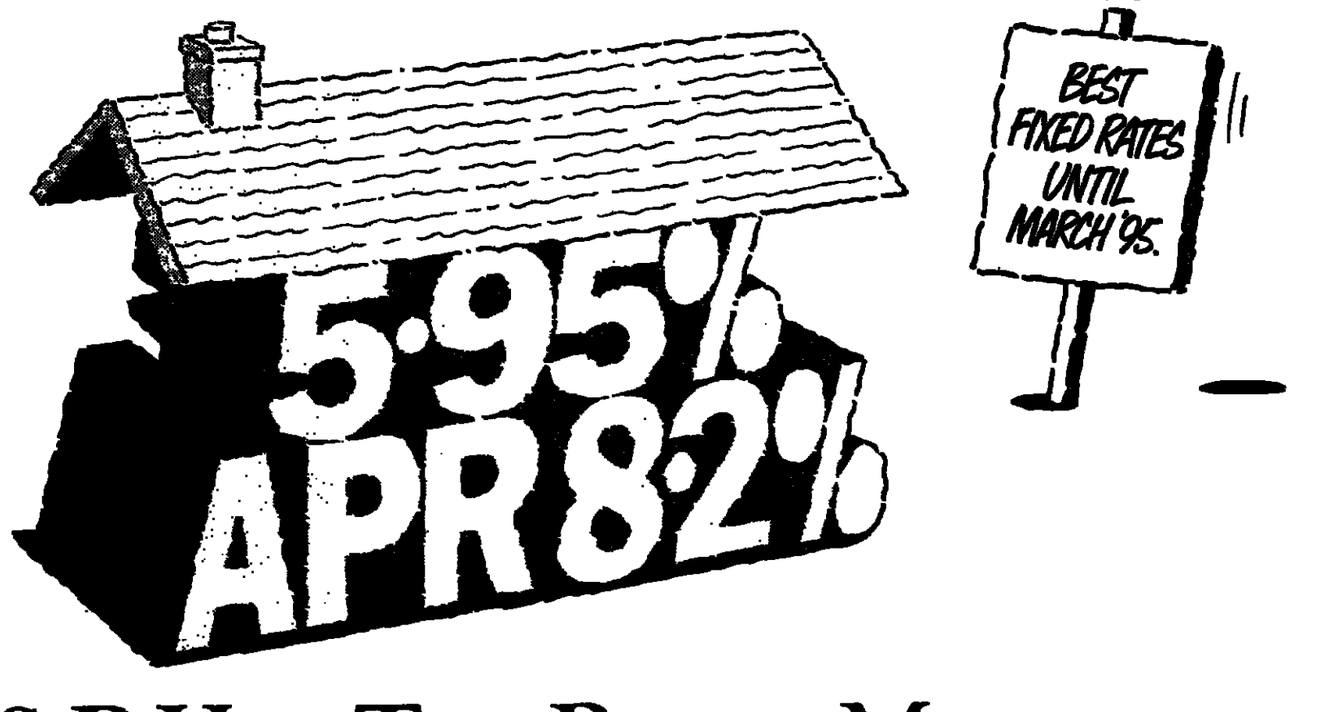
And nothing more threatens to return Britain to Disraeli's "two nations" than a division of the population into those who have known a stable, caring childhood and those who have not. The family will outlive its critics. But its temporary eclipse will cause much pain to those who deserve it least: our children.

☐ *Dr Jonathan Sacks is chief rabbi*

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How the Vacancies Service works

Day three of *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service concentrates on vacancies in arts and social sciences. The courses listed on this page all had places available yesterday.

The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry. Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one.

Most new universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements.

The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject degrees may appear in more than one section. The UCCA and PCAS handbooks contain full details of each course.

The two clearing bodies will issue instructions to all applicants who had not been offered a place by yesterday afternoon. The clearing process is also open to new applicants. Neither UCCA nor PCAS allocates places, but both can be contacted in the event of problems with a clearing application. Enquiries about specific courses should be addressed directly to the university or college concerned.

A number of helplines are operating during the clearing period, which finishes on September 24. The official service, operated from Middlesex University, can be contacted on 081 801 3000 (a queuing system prevents the number from ringing engaged, but often means a long wait).

Among other services is an off-air advice line run by BBC Radio 5, which has received record numbers of calls. The service, on 0500 505050, operates from 10am to 6pm throughout August.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

UCCA

ACCOUNTANCY
Buckingham: NN43 (12), N4N3 (12), N4L1 (12)
Kent: N400 (16)
Liverpool: N400 (20)
Salford: NN34, TN94 (16)
Reading: LN14
Roehampton Inst: N400 (6)
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20), LN14 (20)
Wales, Bangor: N400 (16)

AMERICAN STUDIES
Salford: C102, C702, G4NC (24), F102 (18)

ANCIENT HISTORY
SOAS: Q900 (10)
St Andrews: V110 (BCC), QV71 (BCC), QV61 (BCC)

ARCHAEOLOGY
Edinburgh: V670 (CCC)
Glasgow: V602 (16)
Wales, Bangor: V1V6 (10) V1V0 (10)

ARCHITECTURE
Bath Uni: K100 (19 PT)
Strathclyde: K100 (BBB), K1T2 (BBB)

ART
Wales, Aberystwyth: W150 (16+)

ART & DESIGN
Roehampton Inst: WV18 (8)

ASIAN STUDIES
Leeds: T626 (18)
SOAS: T540 (20), T550 (20), T520 (20), T530 (20), TTM2 (20), T555 (20), T560 (20), T510 (20), T525 (20), Q955 (20), T535 (20), T505 (20), T537 (20), T500 (20)

BUSINESS STUDIES
London, UC:
London, Queen Mary & West: R1N1 (16)
Roehampton Inst: NN17 (10), NN71 (10), NC11 (10), N120 (10)
Salford: N120, L112
Swansea Inst: N120/N127 (12)
Ulster: F9N1 (14), N1T4 (14)
Uni of Buckingham: N120 (12p), C8N1 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C7N1 (10), N122 (20)

CELTIC
St Mary's Coll: CQ15, FQ15
Wales, Aberystwyth: Q500 (18)

CHINESE
Leeds: T300 (20)

CLASSICS
Kent: Q810 (16), Q820 (16)
London, UC:
London, Royal Holloway:
St Andrews: Q811 (BCC), Q810 (BCC)

COMBINED STUDIES
Liverpool: Y242 (22)
Roehampton Inst: Y300 (8), Y600 (12)
St Mark & St John Coll: N1W1

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: P434, LP33, MP93, PQ33
St Mark & St John Coll: L520

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Bradford & Ilkley Community Colleg: L521, LS10, NY53
Edge Hill Coll: Lm3X, MTX5, M910, LM8X, MVX1

CONSUMER STUDIES
Roehampton Inst: XN37 (10), NX73 (10), RN17 (6), N755 (4), N984 (4), LN47 (12), FN97 (4), LN87 (6)

CREATIVE ARTS
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

DESIGN STUDIES
Swansea Inst: H770 (6)

DRAMA
Kent: RW14 (20), RW15 (20), RW34 (20), RW35 (20)
St Mary's Coll: WFL1, GW14

DUTCH
London, UC: T222 (12), TR22 (14)
SOAS: TTM2 (20)

ECONOMICS
Buckingham: L100/L112 (12)
Essex: L100 (20)
Exeter: L100, L112, L142, L141, L137, L131
Hull: L100 (18)
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)
London, UC: LG14
Liverpool: L100 (20)
Reading: L100 (20), L112 (20), L130 (14), LN14 (20)
SOAS: L100 (18), LV11 (18)
Salford: L100, FL11 (10)
Strathclyde: GLL1 (CDD)
Ulster: L100 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: L100 (16), LN15 (16), LN14 (20)
Wales, Bangor: L100 (16)

EDUCATION
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: E5Y1, E5W2, E5W1, E7W2
Wales, Aberystwyth: VX13 (20)

EDUCATION (NOT TEACHER TRAINING)
Roehampton Inst: XW33 (10), XG31 (10), XC3C (10)

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Edge Hill Coll: E2V8, E2EX, E4G1, E4V8, E2EX, E2G1
St Mary's Coll: E4F1

ENGLISH (SECONDARY)
St Mary's Coll: E747, E757, E758, E750, E752

ENGLISH
Buckingham: Q3V1 (8), Q300 (8pts), QV31 (8), V1Q3 (8pts)
Edge Hill Coll: Q300, R1Q3, LQ33, LQ83, PQ33, QV31, QT32, MQ93
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3R2 (8)
London, Goldsmiths: QV31 (20)
St Mary's Coll: QF31
Roehampton Inst: QL34 (12), QV38 (12) GQ53
Salford: QV31 (18), Q300 (22), Q360 (??)
Wales, Bangor: Q300
Wales, St David's: Q306 (16)

ETHNIC STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: LT35, MTX5, RT15, LT85, TV51

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Bradford: T202, T200
Edge Hill Coll: T204, LT32, QT32, LT82, TV21, MTV2
Kent: R141 (18), R211 (16), R311 (16), T202 (16)
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3T2 (8), R2T2 (8), T2R1 (8), T2R2 (8), T2T9 (12), T2V2 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: RT1F (16), WR48 (20)
SOAS: T685 (10)
Salford: T2T9 (20), F101 (14), F103 (14), F3TK/F3T1 (8), F3R2/F3RF (8), H6T2, H6R1, H3T2, H2T2 (??), TVT2 (20)
Strathclyde: K1T2 (BBB), H2T2 (CCC), H1N1 (CCC)
Uni of Buckingham: N140, Y220, L1T2 (10pts), M351 (8pt)

FINANCE
Salford: NN34
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20)
Wales, Bangor: N400 (16), N340

FRENCH
Edge Hill Coll: R1Q3, LR31, RT15, R512, LR81, RV11
Hull: F1R1 (12), G1R1 (12), R100 (20)
Kent: R101 (18), R141 (18), RR12 (16), RR13 (16), RW14 (20), RW15 (20)
La Sainte Union Coll: R1L8 (8), T2R1 (8)
Leicester: R100 (18)
London, Goldsmiths: R100 (12), RR12 (10)
London, Queen Mary & West: GR51 (18), R100 (16), R1N1 (16), R1W4 (20), R1WK (20), RT1F (16), RW14 (20), WR41 (20),
London, Royal Holloway:
Manchester: RR81 (12)
Reading: R100 (18pt), NR11 (20)
Roehampton Inst: RN17 (6), GR51 (6), RV18 (6), RW13 (6)
UMIST: QR11 (14), GR51 (14), R110 (14)
Salford: G5R1 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R101 (15)
Wales, St David's: GR51 (10), R101 (10)

GEOGRAPHY
Edge Hill Coll: LV81, L800, LL38, LQ83, LT85, LM8X, LR81, LT82, LM8Y
Exeter: F800
Glasgow: F800 (16), FF68 (16)
La Sainte Union Coll: R1L8(8)
London, Queen Mary and West: F800 (14), F830 (14), F840 (14), L800 (14), L822 (14)
London, LSE: L800 (22)
Roehampton: FF98 (6), FL84 (6), FV88 (6), GF58 (6), LN87 (6), FW83 (6), FG81 (6), CF18 (6), FC8C (6), GW13 (6)
St Mary's Coll: FC18, FF81, GP18
Salford: L800/L802 (18)
Ulster: F806 (12), F801 (14), F800 (14)
Wales, St David's: L800 (16)

GERMAN
Bath Uni: NR12 (24pt)
Hull: G1R2 (12), R200 (20)
Kent: RR12 (16), R200 (16), R211 (16)
Leicester: R200 (14),
London, UC: R200 (20), RR27 (14), TR22 (14)
London, Queen Mary & Westfield: GR52 (18), R2W4 (20), R2WK (20), RW24 (20), WR42 (20), R200 (18), GR12 (18), R201 (18), R202 (18), R2N1 (18), R2T2 (18), RQ21 (18), RQ2I (18), RR2V (18), RR82 (16), RT2F (18), TTGY (18), TTYG (18), WR42 (20)
Manchester, UMIST: N1R1, RR82 (12), RR8G (12)
Manchester, RR82 (12), RR8G (12)
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3R2 (8), R2T2 (8), T2R2 (8)
London, Goldsmiths: R200 (8), RR12 (8)
London, Royal Holloway: R200 (18)
Reading: NR12 (20)
Salford: G5R2 (14)
UMIST: DR12 (14), GR52 (14), R202 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R224
Wales, St David's: GR52 (10), R200 (N10)

GREEK
Kent: Q700 (16)
St Andrews: QV71 (BCC), QV78 (BCC), Q700 (BCC), QQ79 (BCC), QQ67 (BCC), QV7W (BCC)

HEBREW
London, UC: Q960 (18)
St Andrews: QV98 (BCC), QQ79 (BCC), Q960 (BCC) (18), QV9V (BCC)

HISTORY
Buckingham: V130 (8), QV31 (8), Q3V1 (8), V1Q3 (8)
Edge Hill Coll: V100, LV31, QV31, TV51, MVX1, RV11, TV21, MVY1, MV91, LV81
London, Goldsmiths: V100 (18), QV31 (20)
London, UC: V500 (20), V149 (18)
Roehampton Inst: VV18 (8)
SOAS: LV11 (18), V100 (14)
St Mary's Coll: VS11, QV31, VF11
Salford: Q300 (22)
Wales, Bangor: V100 (10), V1V6 (10), V1VP (10) V1VQ (10), V141 (10)
Wales, Aberystwyth: P100 (18), M164 (18), VX13 (20)
Wales, St David's: V100 (14)

HISTORY OF ART
Uni of Buckingham: V430 (8)

HOME ECONOMICS
Uni of Wales, Cardiff: N750 (16)

HOTEL AND CATERING
Buckingham: N120/N127 (12)
Uni of Wales, Cardiff: N700
Ulster: N740 (14)

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
Kent: N610

IRISH STUDIES
St Mary's Coll: FQ15

ITALIAN
Hull:
Kent: R311 (16), RR13 (16), RW34 (20), RW35 (20)
Leicester: MR13 (16), RW4K (20)
London, UC: R300 (14)
London, Royal Holloway: R300
Manchester (UMIST): RR83 (12), RR8H (12)
Reading: NR13

JAPANESE STUDIES
Salford: F3TK/F3T4 (8), G5T4 (14)
Ulster: N1T4 (14)

JEWISH STUDIES
London, UC: V149 (18)
SOAS: Q965 (10).

LAND MANAGEMENT
Reading: N800, N802 (16) + (10)
Cranfield (Silso Coll): N802

LANGUAGES
Coll of St John & St Mark, Plymouth: Q165, Q1L3
Leicester: T900 (20)
SOAS: Q100 (20)

LATIN
Kent: Q600 (16)
London, Royal Holloway:
St Andrews: QV61 (BCC), QQ67 (BCC), Q600 (BCC), QV6W (BCC)

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
Essex: R600 (14)
London, Goldsmiths: R400 (12)

LAW
Buckingham: M300 (12), MC39 (12)
Roehampton Inst: M300 (14)
Strathclyde: G5M3 (CCC)

LINGUISTICS
London, Queen Mary & West: GR52 (18), GR5K (16)
UEA: VQ71 (20), VQ72 (20)
UMIST: GP51 (14), Q112, QR11, QR12
SOAS: Q100 (10)

MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Bath Uni: NR12 (24pt)
Edge Hill Coll: N126
Exeter: L143, L144
Hull: NN12 (18)
Kent: MND1 (14)
Manchester, UMIST: NF11
Reading: NR11 (20), NR12 (20), NR13 (20)
Roehampton Inst: NL74 (4), N755 (4), NL7K (12), CNC7 (4), NF79 (4)
Ulster: NN59 (16), N740 (14)

MARKETING
London, LSE: N100 (12)
Roehampton Inst: N759 (6)
Wales, Aberystwyth: LN15 (14)

MEDIA STUDIES
Uni of Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES
Manchester: T608 (14)
SOAS: T660 (10), T665 (10)

MODERN LANGUAGES
Kent: T202 (18)
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3T9 (12), T2T9 (12)
SOAS: T680 (10)
Salford: TN94 (16), T9T2 (20), T2T9, RT16 (18), RR12 (18), RRC4 (18), RR13 (18), RR14 (18), RT26 (18), RRF4 (18), RR23 (18), RR24 (18), RT36 (18), RRH4, RR34, RT46 (18)
Sheffield: TE97 (18)
Strathclyde: GST9 (CCC), G1T9 (CDD)
Wales, St David's: T900 (16)

MUSIC
Newcastle: W300 (12)
Reading: W300
Roehampton Inst: WV38, WL34, XW33, RW13 (6), FW83 (6), FW93 (6)
Wales, Cardiff: W302 (18), W300 (18)

PHILOSOPHY
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: V8G5, V8N1, V8V1, V8M9
UEA: VQ71 (20)
London UC: V500 (16)

POLITICS
La Sainte Union Coll: M1V8
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)
Leicester: MR12 (14), MR13 (16)
Salford: MV11, LM31 (20)
Uni of Buckingham: ML11, MV11, Y618, Y651 (all 8 pts), MM13 (12)

PUBLIC RELATIONS
St Mark & St John Coll: P4LH, P4NC, P4M9, P4QC, P4QH

RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT
St Mark & St John Coll: NX12

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SOAS: V800 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: V840 (18)
Wales, St David's: V840 (14)

RUSSIAN
Essex: R810 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: R8W4, R8WK, WR48 (20), RT8F (16), RW84 (20), RT82 (16)
Salford: F3R8/F3RV (8)
Swansea: R800
Wales, Bangor: R800 (15)
Manchester: R815 (10), RR81 (12) RR82 (12), RR83 (12), RR84 (12), RR85 (12), RR8C (12) RR8G (12) RR8H (12), RR8L (12)

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
Hull: R700 (16)
London, UC: R700 (12), RR27 (14)
Wales, St David's: GR57 (10), R720 (10)

SOCIAL ADMINSTRATION
Roehampton Inst: VL14 (8), WL34 (8), NL74 (4), FL94 (4), FL84
London, Goldsmiths: L402 (16), Y615 (12)
London, LSE: L430 (20)

SOCIAL SCIENCE/STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: L300, LT35, LP33, LM3X, LQ33, Lr31, UL28, LV31, LT32, LM3Y, LM39
Roehampton Inst: XC3C (10), CLC4 (12)

SOCIOLOGY
London, Goldsmiths: L300 (12)
London, LSE: L300 (20)
Salford: L3Y6 (18), L300 (18)

SPANISH
Hull: G1R4 (12)
London, Goldsmiths: R400 (12)
London, Queen Mary & West: R4W4, R4WK
Manchester: RR84 (12), RR8L (12)

THEOLOGY
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: V8G5, V8N1, V8V1, V8M9
Edge Hill Coll: E2V8, E4V8
La Sainte Union Coll: V840 (8), M1V8 (8), Q3V8 (8), T2V8 (8)
St Andrews: V808 (CCC), VQ88 (BCC), V820 (BCC), QV98 (BCC), QV78 (BCC), V800
St Mary's Coll: VF18
St Mark & St John Coll: V8G5, V8N1, V8V1, V8M9
Roehampton Inst: QV38 (12), RV18 (6), WV38 (8), VM89 (8), CVC8 (4), FV88 (6)
Wales, Cardiff: V800 (18)
Wales, St David's: V800 (14)

TOWN PLANNING
London, UC: K400 (14)

URBAN STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: M900, LM3Y, LM8Y

WELSH STUDIES
Wales, Cardiff: Q520
Wales, Bangor: Q520 (14)
Wales, St David's: Q512 (10), Q520 (10)

WOMEN'S STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: LM39, MP93, M910, MQ93, MV91, M915
Roehampton Inst: VM89 (8)

PCAS

ACCOMMODATION MANAGEMENT
Hertfordshire: GN42

ACCOUNTANCY
Brighton: N420 (14), NT42 (14)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N400 (4)
Glasgow, Caledonian: N400
Hertfordshire: GN54
Humberside: N420
Kingston: MN34 (18)
Northumbria: N400
London, Guildhall: N400, Y400
E London: N420
N London: N400
Leeds Met: N420 (14)
Luton: N420
Middlesex: N420
Sheffield: N400
South Bank: N420
Southampton Inst: N400, NM43
Swansea: N400 (6):
Teesside: N420
Thames Valley: N400, NT42, NM43
Univ of C England: N400
UEC: N420

APPLIED LANGUAGE
Brighton: T900

ARABIC
Westminster: QT36, RT86, TQ61

ARCHITECTURE
E London: K100
Greenwich: K300
Robert Gordon: K100
Kingston: K300
South Bank: K100, K108
Univ of C England: K100, K260, K199, K280
UEL: K100

ART AND DESIGN
E London: V400

ARTS (RELATED)
De Montfort: W999 (14)
Derby: B972
Plymouth: Y404

BANKING
London, Guildhall: N120
Middlesex: N300

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE
Dundee Inst: L730 (4)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
De Montfort: N122 (12)
Gwent Coll: N150 (10)
Greenwich: N423
Humberside: N170
Leeds: N140
Luton: N122
Middlesex: N122
Northumbria: N172
Staffs: NF19
Teesside: N131, N153
Thames Valley: N122
Wolverhampton: N141

BUSINESS LAW
Humberside: M340
London, Guildhall: M340

BUSINESS STUDIES
Brighton: N1J9
Buckinghamshire: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4, N1T9, N122
Coventry: N1R1, N120
Colchester Inst: N720
De Montfort: N120
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N120 (4), N130 (4), N140, N550
E London: N120
Greenwich: NN15
Glasgow Caledonian: N145
Humberside: N170, NR17, N1T9, LN11, H120, D450, F199
London, Guildhall: N120
London N: G532, N124, G5N1, N120
London, South Bank: N1T9
Luton: N121
Queen Mary's Coll: G560
Middlesex: N120
NE Wales Inst: N167, N100 (4)
Nene Coll: N120
North Cheshire College: NP14, W4N1
Northumbria: N120, N1T9
Robert Gordon: N131
Salford UC: N120
Southampton Inst: G562, G568
Staffs: N100, N100, N111, N120, N122, N123, N140, N199
Swansea: N120 (10)
Teesside: N120, N123, N124
Thames Valley: N611, N120, M1N1
Univ of C England: 7400, M390
UEL: N120
Wolverhampton: N140, L1N1

CHINESE
Westminster: T3Q3, T3R1, T3R2, T3R3, T3R4, T3R8, TQ31

COMBINED STUDIES (ARTS)
De Montfort: Y400
Plymouth: Y404
Queen Margaret's Coll, Edinburgh: Y400
Swansea IME: Y300 (8)
NE Wales Coll: QV31 (6)

COMBINED STUDIES (SOCIAL SCIENCES)
Humberside: Y400
N Cheshire Coll: J400
Luton: Y400, M300
NE Wales Inst: F910 (4)
N London: Y100

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Falmouth Art/Design: P438, V480
Greenwich: NN15, H621
Humberside: P300
Luton: L521
North Cheshire Coll: Y400
Queen Mary's Coll Edinburgh: Y400
Robert Gordon: P379
Southampton, P300, P308
Teesside: N131
West Surrey Art/Design: P400 (12)

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Bradford & Ilkley Comm Coll: L521, L510, N753
Luton: L521

CONSUMER STUDIES
Leeds Metro: N750
South Bank: N980, N988
N London: Q57N

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES
Hertfordshire: Y302

CREATIVE ARTS
Bath: W900

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT
Middlesex: W299, FN9X
South Bank: K201

CULTURAL STUDIES
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8L6, W4L6

DESIGN
Bournemouth: W250, W299, W223, W235
Colchester Inst: W204
De Montfort: WN21 (12)
Humberside: W235
West Surrey Art/Design: W230 (12)
Plymouth: W201
Salford UC: W230 (8), W200 (8), W202 (8)
Sunderland: W432
UEL: V400
Teesside: V480

ECONOMICS
Coventry: L100
De Montfort: L100 (12)
Northumbria: L100
Wolverhampton: L1N1, L100
Greenwich: L114
Dundee, Inst of Tech: L100 (4)
Teesside: N124
Thames Valley: LR11, LR12, LR14, L100
London, Guildhall: L100, L190, M3L1, Y400
Middlesex: L100, LL18, L1R1, L1R4
Humberside: LN11
E London: L110
Portsmouth: L100, LL18
Nene Coll: K200
Kingston: FL81 (12), FL31 (8), FL61 (10), GL11 (8)
UEL: L100

EDUCATION (NOT TEACHER TRAINING)
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8X3, M9X3

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Bretton Hall: EW29, EW59, EW53, W420
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E3W3, E3V8, E3W2
West London: E500

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E4W4, E4V8, E4W2
Wolverhampton: E700, E701
Cardiff Inst: E7Q5, E7W3
Bath: E500 (4)
NE Wales IHE: E791 (4)
West London: E7X2

EDUCATION (TEACHER TRAINING)
Northumbria: EG71, EF73, ER71, ER72, EI79
Oxford Brookes: CE15, GE15
Leeds Met: EW72
Sunderland: EW73

ENGLISH
Portsmouth: Q3W6
Westminster: QR38, QT36, TQ3Q
NE Wales Inst: QV31
Teesside: Q306
S Bank: Q3L3, Q3L7
Luton: Q300

ESTATE MANAGEMENT
NE Wales Inst: N800 (4)
Univ of C England: N800
South Bank: N800, N808

EUROPEAN BUSINESS
Brighton: N1J9
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N140
Hertfordshire: Y100
Middlesex: N1R1, N1R2, N1RC
Nene Coll: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4
Portsmouth: N140
Sheffield: N1R2, N1R4, N1R5
Teesside: N1T9
Thames Valley: N199
Oxford Brookes: N140
Leeds Metro: N422, T810
Lancashire: N140

EUROPEAN MARKETING
Humberside: NR1C, NR1F, NR14, NR11, NR12

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Coventry: T200
Wolverhampton: T200
Humberside: T200, N740
Northumbria: T200
South Bank: T200
Southampton Inst: T200
Portsmouth: T200
Thames Valley: T200
Middlesex: V190
E London: JT92
Lancashire: T200
UEL: T200
Wolverhampton: N141, N140

FASHION
Southampton Inst: W225
N London: T200

FILM STUDIES
E London: V400
Southampton Inst: W510

FINANCE
Univ of C England: N420
Humberside: N420
Leeds Met: N4201
London, Guildhall: L190, N120, N399
London N: N400
Middlesex: N300, N420
UEL: N420

FINANCIAL SERVICES
Glasgow, Caledonian: N124
Portsmouth: N300
London, Guildhall: N399, Y400
Sheffield, Hallam: N300
UCE: N420
Lancs: N399
Humerbside: N399

FINE ARTS
Southampton Inst: W100, W108, N812, N813

FRENCH/FRENCH STUDIES
Westminster: K4R1, T3R1, RM13, RR18, N830
Buckinghamshire: N1R1
Brighton: N799
Coventry: RR12, RR14
Kingston: FR81 (12), CR11 (10), FR11 (8), FR31 (6), FR61 (12), GR11 (8), FL81 (12)
Portsmouth: RR12, RR14, F8R1, F6R1, G1R1, F3R1
Thames Valley: RRC2, RRC4, QR31, RR12, RR18, RR14, RR16, LR11, MR31
Middlesex: N1R1, N1RC
N London: R100
Staffordshire: G5R1, G5R0, GRM1, M350

FURNITURE/ART RESTORATION
London, Guildhall: J570, J499

GEOGRAPHY
Greenwich: L800
South Bank: F8F9
Luton: F3LV
Middlesex: LL18
N London: L806
Kingston: FF81 (10), FF86 (8), FG81 (12), FG85 (12), FL38 (8), FL81 (12), FR81 (12), FR82 (10), FG85 (12), CF18 (12)

GERMAN/GERMAN STUDIES
De Montfort: M3R2 (22)
Kingston: CR12 (6), FR12 (8), FR32 (6), FR82 (10)
Thames Valley: Y502

LINGUISTICS
Portsmouth: TN25
Westminster: RQ81, TQ31, TQ61

LITERARY STUDIES
Middlesex: Q203

MANAGEMENT
Buckinghamshire: NT19
De Montfort: WN21 (12), NN14 (12)
Glasgow, Caledonian: NIG5, M3N1, N399
London, Guildhall: L499, M148
Robert Gordon: N720
Salford UC: H100, H703
Brighton: N799 (12)
Plymouth: N720, N740, N800
N Cheshire Coll: NP14, JW51, W4N1
Humberside: D952, D234, N170
South Bank: HN71
E London: CN11
Sheffield: N400
Hertfordshire: GN42

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
Cardiff Inst: H7N1

MARKETING
Teesside: N500
Humberside: NR1C, NR1F, NR14
Southampton Inst: N500
London, Guildhall: N120

MEDIA PRODUCTION & STUDIES
Cheltenham & Gloucester: P4M9
Falmouth: P430
Salford UC: H998
N Cheshire Coll: NP14
Robert Gordon: P500
Luton: D460

MODERN LANGUAGES
Bournemouth: T810
Brighton: T900
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3T9 (12), T2T9 (12)
Wolverhampton: T900
Nottingham Trent: GT59
Westminster: QR38, QT36, RM13, RM43, RQ81, RR18, RR28, RR38, RR48, RT86, T3Q3
Staffs: T200

MODULAR SCHEMES
Wolverhampton: Y600, AS, BC, BL, BM, BT, SI, CH, CD, CS, DS, DT, DY, EC, ED, EDH, ER, EGH, ES, EU, HS, FB, LN, MF, MA, MS, MB, MU, PH, PC, RS, SS,
Derby: Y400
Gwent CHE: Y400
North Cheshire College: YN51, Y400

MUSIC
Colchester Inst: W300
Salford UC: W304

PERFORMANCE/ MOVEMENT STUDIES
De Montfort: W901 (10)
N Cheshire Coll: W4N1

PHILOSOPHY
Middlesex: Q203

POLITICAL ECONOMY
E London: M100
Staffs: ML91
UEL: M100

POLITICS/ GOVERNMENT
Nottingham Trent: M158
Teesside: M100
S Bank: M100, M108
Northumbria: M142
Portsmouth: M100
London, Guildhall: M142, Y400
N London: L510, M100

PORTUGUESE
Portsmouth: RR45

PSYCHOLOGY
S Bank: Q3L7

PUBLIC/SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION
Glasgow, Caledonian: MN11
Luton: M140
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Abiola challenges Nigeria ruler with vow to return

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHIEF Moshood Abiola, the unofficial winner of the Nigerian presidential election annulled by General Babangida, said in London yesterday he intended to return home next week to form a democratic government.

The decision, a clear challenge to the interim administration installed two days ago, was immediately deemed an act of insurrection by the country's new justice minister.

As Lagos, the country's largest city, came to a virtual standstill during the third day of pro-democracy protests, Chief Abiola, a multi-millionaire Muslim businessman, declared his intentions, which would see him in the city by the end of next week.

"It will be a real government I will form," Chief Abiola said. He maintained the battle for democracy in his country entered a decisive phase yesterday, the day he claimed he should have been sworn in as president.

The opposition leader gave no indication of the implications of his decision, which offers a blatant challenge to the unelected and widely opposed interim government installed after Nigeria's military ruler, stepped down this week after eight years in power. General Babangida, it is thought, will have considerable influence in the interim administration.



Chief Abiola, left, in London yesterday and Ernest Shonekan, head of the interim government, in Abuja

In the federal capital of Abuja, Clement Akpamgbo, the new attorney-general and justice minister, accused Chief Abiola of insurrection. "A legitimate government annulled the June 12 election and backed it up with law," he said. "If he goes ahead with what he has said this would be regarded as an act of rebellion attracting the necessary sanctions."

Chief Abiola denounced the interim government as a non-event. He outlined the programme he intended to put in place, which aimed to eliminate corruption and waste and restore "fundamental human rights, integrity, transparency, accountability and sound economic management". He said: "The mandate given to me by the people was to implement the programme. I know that we have sound, committed and competent Nigerian men and women of integrity who would join me in implementing these programmes."

Chief Abiola said these people would be drawn from both inside and outside Nigeria's two political parties and from all religious and ethnic groups.

Although diplomats privately admit that further measures may be considered if the new government fails to return Nigeria to democratic rule, the Foreign Office yesterday called for a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

A statement said that while Britain welcomed the resignation of General Babangida, Britain wanted to consider the implications of the creation of the interim government led by the industrialist, Ernest Shonekan.

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General Babangida acknowledging greetings at a parade in Abuja after stepping down as Nigerian leader and installing an unelected interim government

Kinsmen accuse new leader of betrayal

Lagos: Chief Ernest Shonekan, 57, named this week to head Nigeria's unelected interim government, is from the same town as Chief Moshood Abiola, the undeclared winner of the annulled June 12 presidential vote.

The outgoing military president, Ibrahim Babangida, appointed him head of the transitional council he formed in January to run day-to-day government affairs after postponing the date for handing over power to elected civilians for the third time. Now the former industrialist and lawyer has been given the job of leading a stopgap administration for the fourth extension of Nigeria's bumpy march to full democracy. How long he will stay in office to organise a new presidential election is uncertain.

Chief Shonekan assumes the role of unelected prime minister in all but name in Africa's most populous nation. Some of his Yoruba-speaking kinsmen in the southwest say that in accepting the job he has betrayed the cause of a people cheated out of the presidency. *(Reuter)*

China threatens to disregard missile treaty

■ **American sanctions imposed on China over weapons sales have angered Peking. The rift with Washington has prompted congressional support for tougher measures**

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA threatened yesterday to withdraw from the key international agreement on missile control and accused the Americans of hypocrisy, in a move that heightened tension between Washington and Peking.

At the same time, two influential members of the US Congress visiting Hong Kong warned the Chinese that, unless they change their ways on human rights and on weapons sales, President Clinton was likely to resort to far tougher measures. Their comments followed Washington's decision to impose sanctions on China in response to Peking selling missiles to Pakistan.

Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, said yesterday that Peking had not broken the missile technology control regime (MTCR), to which China claims to adhere even though it has not signed it, when it sold M11 short-range missiles to Pakistan. Both China and Pakistan, he continued, had attempted to explain their position, but the Americans "refused to listen".

"In such circumstances," Mr Qian said, in an interview with *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, "we cannot but consider whether our commitment (to the MTCR) should continue to be valid." He said that, last year, the US sold $13.6 billion (£9 billion) of armaments abroad, or 56 per cent of all world arms trade. China, he said, had sold $100 million of weapons.

The Chinese also rejected American and British complaints over the expulsion from China of Han Dongfang, the dissident trades unionist, after he re-entered the country after a year in America. Yesterday Peking's representatives here accused Mr Han of attempting to subvert the Chinese state while he was abroad and "under the influence of anti-Chinese forces".

However, they said that if Mr Han, who served 22 months in prison before being allowed to travel to America for medical treatment, expressed contrition, he would be allowed back into China. John Porter, a Republican congressman and chairman and founder of the congressional human rights caucus, met Mr Han and promised to introduce a bill permitting him asylum in the US.

Mr Porter described President Clinton's possible withdrawal of China's most favoured nation (MFN) trading status next June as "a blunt weapon which can only be used once". He supported acts aimed at specific transgressions, such as sanctions if the Chinese broke international agreements on arms sales.

Senator Max Baucus, a Democrat from Montana, emphasised that he was convinced that Mr Clinton was ready to withdraw MFN status if China did not improve its human rights record.

☐ **Death sentences:** Peking courts sentenced to death four state officials for embezzlement, including one from the Bank of China, and gave two others lengthy prison terms as an anti-corruption drive claimed its first victims. *(Reuter)*



A NEW photograph, left, of what is thought to be Billy the Kid has been unearthed in New Mexico. Showing the infamous outlaw looking demure and clean-cut at about 18 years of age it would, if genuine, be only the second known image of the man who killed at least 27 men before being gunned down at the age of 21. The first, right, was the only previous known print of one of the most notorious gunfighters of the American West *(AP)*

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Egypt's intellectual powerhouse falls into disrepair



Mahfouz: last of old-style Arab literary titans

Materialism and fundamentalist jargon have silenced the intelligentsia of a country famed for thinkers, writes ***Michael Binyon*** *in Cairo*

WHERE are the thinkers of yesteryear? Intimidated by the growing *fundamentalist tendency*, bought off by the dependence of the press on Saudi funds, confused by the political cacophony in the Arab world and isolated by falling educational standards and general apathy, Egypt's intellectuals have largely fallen silent.

In the heady days of Nasserism, thinkers and writers were the vanguard of Egypt's cultural and political pre-eminence. Now they play little part in public debate and are largely ignored by a younger generation more interested in finding a job, making money or emigrating to America than in agonising over Egypt's destiny.

All the leading commentators who articulate Egyptian views to foreigners or pontificate in the press are aged 65 or over. Most are former Marxists and Arab nationalists, people who cut their teeth on the struggle against colonialism and the Arab world's confrontation with Israel. Men such as Muhammad Hassanein Heikel, Nasser's confidante and the dynamic former editor of *Al-Ahram*, are still around, but are living in the glow of past glory. The left-wingers have been left high and dry by the collapse of communism, the nationalists abandoned by a regime that draws neither on Nasser's pan-Arabism nor former President Sadat's pharaonic Egyptianism, and the liberals quietly bemoaning public philistinism and lack of young literary talent.

"All people know of the West now is what they learned at business school, and what they see on CNN," one said. Tahsin Bashir, a former presidential spokesman, complained that those discussing democracy nowadays had no idea of habeas corpus, Magna Carta, the English civil war or the French revolution. "Now it is only slogans about human rights. No one knows democracy's historical roots." Even the old political class in Egypt was steeped in Islamic and European culture. Hussein Amim, a trenchant critic of the present government, lives in a house lined with classics from floor to ceiling. "I was reading Gibbon recently," the retired diplomat remarked, recounting a story of proposals to make Roman slaves wear uniforms as a parallel to today's move by fundamentalists to make their numbers known by wearing beards and the veil.

Traditionally, Egypt has always been the Arab world's intellectual powerhouse. In the reawakening of the last century, its writers played a key role in bringing Western, largely French, thought to the Arab lands somnolent under the Ottoman yoke. After the first world war, a generation of Egyptians, educated in France and Britain, returned home to launch a literary renaissance that produced such titans as Taha Hussein and Tewfiq al-Hakim, and whose last giant, Naguib Mahfouz, now frail and in his 80s, finally achieved international recognition with the Nobel Prize for literature.

Thirty years ago, the next generation of writers and thinkers articulated a surge of national feeling, largely directed against the West politically, but drawing on their own deep influence by European culture and liberalism. They made their compromises with Nasserist totalitarianism, and their energy went into journalism and the expansion of education. They could make their mark as "intellectuals" — a class apart, as under Soviet communism. Nowadays that is impossible. "Our society is too sophisticated. Knowledge is more specialised. There are no generalists around whose towering function was to translate Western ideas into an Arab context," Sayyed Yasin, head of the Centre for Strategic and Political Studies, Egypt's only effective think-tank, said. "The new thinkers are there, but they're much less visible."

Fundamentalism is often adduced as the reason for the silence of intellectuals, who almost all have propounded secularism, Western ideas and social "progress". The murder of Farag Foda, a secularist, last year was certainly intimidating. But some intellectuals say there is a more pervasive threat: that of Saudi money and influence. Newspapers and magazines, which depend increasingly on Saudi support, hesitate to go against the simplistic intellectual line from a country whose contributions to Arab thought have been minimal for the past 11 centuries.

Most Egyptian thinkers are contemptuous of the half-baked fundamentalism of the poorly educated political activists, a mish-mash of Iranian Shia politics, Saudi puritanism and an anti-Western nostalgia for a golden age when Islam was not influenced by the West. "The high point of their theology consists in enumerating the torments of hell for sinners," remarked Dr Yasin. Yet Egypt, long the country where both liberal and Islamic thinking were most developed, has failed to challenge this new fundamentalism or elaborate any new synthesis from the mix of renewed religiosity and contemporary secular ideas. The last great innovative Muslim thinker to do so, Muhammad Abduh, flourished at the start of the century.

Materialism in the watchword of Mubarak's Egypt. There is little time here for ideas — especially after the thesis of Nasserism and the antithesis of Sadat, both of which ended in disaster. In the old days Egypt drew strength from its love-hate relationship with its colonisers, Britain and France. America is now the dominant political influence. But America offers the younger generation here little more than technocratic skills and Hollywood films. And the rapid decline of higher educational standards, a sad result of massive expansion on too few resources, means that few Egyptians have the intellectual curiosity to absorb much else.

Accord nears for self-rule in Jericho and Gaza

■ Agreement over the occupied territories is in sight at the Middle East peace talks. Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, may well be accused of a sell-out

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI and Palestinian officials appeared yesterday to be nearing agreement on self-rule for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories as elements of the plan emerged.

Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, said a proposal to implement self-rule in Gaza and the West Bank city of Jericho immediately could break a nearly two-year deadlock in the Washington discussions with the Palestinians. "There is greater agreement today between us and the Palestinians than ever before," he said.

Aides to Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, were also hopeful but said it was too early to speak of a breakthrough based on the Gaza-Jericho plan. "Every proposal and idea will have to be tested around the negotiating table," said Gad Ben-Ari, Mr Rabin's spokesman.

Mr Rabin conferred with negotiators yesterday before their departure, while hardline opposition leaders alleged the plan was a sellout and called the Knesset out of recess for a debate on Monday. The peace talks are due to resume on Tuesday.

Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud former prime minister, said Mr Rabin and Mr Peres "want to sell the land as quickly as possible so that it will be impossible to save any of it in the future".

Mr Peres told the *Yediot Ahronot* newspaper: "The Palestinians have reached the conclusion that they are adopting the plan to set up self-rule in Gaza and Jericho first. This enables the possibility of a breakthrough."

Mr Peres has denied persistent reports that he met senior officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation to discuss the plan last week while visiting Scandinavia. Zeev Schiff, a leading analyst for *Haaretz*, wrote that Mr Peres conferred with the PLO's Mahmoud Abbas in Norway on August 20.

Much of the proposal's appeal, in Israeli eyes, is that it skirts differences over the status of Jerusalem that stymied previous talks and would help end the costly involvement with the Gaza Strip, an impoverished coastal enclave and hotbed of unrest. The plan is based on a withdrawal of the Israeli army and implementation of self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. Meanwhile, talks would continue about the rest of the West Bank.

For the PLO, it would mark at least a toehold in the occupied territories, but it also would expose Yassir Arafat, its leader, to criticism of selling out Palestinian land. "There were efforts by Israeli leaders to promote this plan and there remain some disagreements even though certain understandings were reached," said Dr Ahmed Tibi, an East Jerusalem physician close to Mr Arafat.

Nabil Shaath, an adviser to Mr Arafat, said that should the plan come to fruition, the PLO leader will seek to relocate from Tunis in order to head the Gaza-Jericho administration.

☐ **Beirut protest:** About 100 Palestinian refugees demanding an end to peace talks with Israel disrupted the opening of a meeting of Arab foreign ministers called to agree on strategy for the Washington negotiations. *(Reuter)*



SHAIKH Omar Abdel Rahman being escorted to a helicopter after pleading not guilty in a New York federal court this week to charges of mounting a campaign of terror on US soil. Lawyers for the shaikh and 14 co-defendants say the government has trumped up charges to cover the weak nature of its case. The lawyers claim the only dangerous acts came from the government's own informant, Emad Salem, described by Michael Warren, representing El Sayyid Nosair, as "not a credible witness". Mr Nosair, accused of murdering Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1990, was cleared of state murder but convicted of weapons possession. All the accused denied a 20-count indictment of bombing of New York's World Trade Centre, planning to blow up the United Nations and plotting to kill President Mubarak of Egypt. *(Reuter)*

Gunmen ambush Cape Town coach

Johannesburg: Barely 24 hours after the racist murder of an American student, eight people were shot and wounded, two seriously, yesterday by gunmen who ambushed a coach on a regular overnight journey between Cape Town and Johannesburg (Ray Kennedy writes).

The ambush happened just after midnight as the double-decker coach, carrying 52 passengers, approached Beaufort West, 180 miles from Cape Town in the middle of the semi-desert Karoo region, on its Johannesburg run. The gunmen, using South African army issue assault rifles, opened fire as it slowed outside the town along a stretch of road flanked by townships. The coach was riddled with 39 bullet holes.

Two youths, aged 17 and 18, will appear in court on Monday in connection with the death of Amy Biehl, the American student who died in Guguletu township, outside Cape Town, on Wednesday.

Poison charges

Lomé: Togo's government accused the opposition, which boycotted this week's presidential elections, of killing 15 militants imprisoned in Sokodé, a central town, by poisoning their food. The opposition blamed a government plot for the deaths. *(Reuter)*

Horns of crime

Taipei: Four Taiwanese have been jailed for terms ranging from 14 months to 3½ years for smuggling 3,080 lb of rhino and deer horn, worth about £2.7 million, into Taiwan. It was the first conviction under Taiwan's new wildlife protection law. *(AP)*

Factories shut

Delhi: The supreme court has ordered 212 factories to close because their pollutants are dimming the Taj Mahal's lustre. Sulphur fumes and smoke in the industrial belt near the city of Agra have dulled the white marble. *(AP)*

Pollution high

Athens: Smog engulfed much of the Greek capital, sending hundreds of people to hospitals. "We have hundreds of respiratory cases," said one hospital spokesman. The environment ministry said smog indicators exceeded emergency levels. *(Reuter)*

Hotel of death

Monterey: Dorothea Puente, a white-haired Sacramento landlady, who prosecutors said was a rare female serial killer, was found guilty by a jury of murdering three elderly lodgers so that she could collect their government benefit cheques. *(Reuter)*

Teresa home

Calcutta: Mother Teresa has arrived back at her Calcutta headquarters after a week in a Delhi hospital with a bout of malaria complicated by a heart condition. The Nobel prizewinner, 83 on Thursday, was welcomed at the airport by nuns of her order. *(Reuter)*

Punch power

Cebu, The Philippines: Jessica Arenasa, who killed a man with a single punch, has been jailed for ten years. Arenasa punched Verdandino Redilosa after he teased her about her dress as he drank with friends. *(Reuter)*

Losing the drugs war on a savage frontier

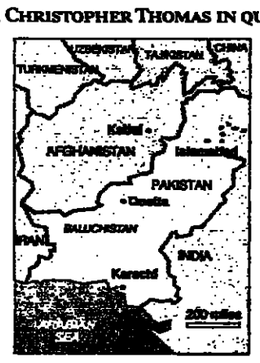
FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN QUETTA

Armed with rocket launchers, machine-guns and Kalashnikovs, scores of former Mujahidin fighters escort a convoy of drug-laden lorries along a desert road on the Pakistan-Afghan frontier. They kick up enough dust to be seen 20 miles away, but nobody intercepts them. The Pakistani frontier police, with barely enough funds to buy bullets for their bolt-action Lee Enfields, look on impotently. Here, the battle against drugs has been lost.

Much of the consignment is on the way to Britain. The caravan even includes a portable laboratory for converting opium into heroin. On the Pakistan coast, men are waiting in wooden dhows to carry the contraband to "mother ships" over the horizon. These, in turn, will rendezvous at sea with other vessels that will take the cargo perhaps to the free port of Dubai, where it will be hidden in containers with more innocent goods. The trail is now cold. Soon the narcotics will be on Felixstowe docks.

The Afghan-Pakistan border in Pakistan's Baluchistan province is dangerous, the domain of drug traffickers. The Pakistani Frontier Corps are almost a comic deterrent with their token training and hunger for bribes. The Pakistan narcotics control board, the primary government agency leading the war on drugs, cannot even pay its phone bills, let alone tackle the drug convoys passing under its nose. The bearded, turbanned gunmen who ride with these caravans are experienced fighters from 14 years of war against the former Soviet Union.

Most heroin on British streets comes from the Afghanistan-Pakistan-Iran-Turkey region, but it is Afghanistan that has propelled the business since the last semblance of government there collapsed 15 months ago. Warlords, the only authority in Afghanistan, are also the drug barons.



In Pakistan's tribal districts to the north, sophisticated brick-built laboratories operate openly, because they are beyond the law. An old colonial arrangement makes the main roads subject to federal jurisdiction, but the open country is beyond recognised law.

This creates bizarre scenes: men and mules laden with opium cross the countryside within sight of the road, while police look on. It is a drug trafficker's paradise. Baluchistan is on the drugs route to Europe. From northern Pakistan, where most Afghan opium is processed, heroin is transported through the province en route either to Iran for the overland journey to Turkey, or to the Pakistani coast. In Turkey, consignments are broken down into smaller quantities for smuggling into Europe. Open borders within the European Community make distribution easy. Different traffickers have personal preferences for the overland or the sea routes. Either way, discovery is unlikely.

The Pakistan narcotics control board office in Quetta, Baluchistan's provincial capital, is a shabby building filled with the heavy odour of seized opium. The drug is being stored pending court cases: every now and then an unimportant trafficker is brought to book, but the kingpins are rarely touched. A member of the Baluchistan provincial government's cabinet is allegedly one of Pakistan's main drug traffickers. Senior police officers admit they have enough evidence to charge him, but he is politically too powerful to touch.

Some drug dealers, it is believed, are mainstream politicians in Islamabad; they are prominent businessmen and landowners. In Baluchistan, in particular, the drug lords are rapidly increasing their political clout. A local journalist said: "It is becoming another Colombia here."

Mars transmitter blamed for fault

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE malfunction of a tiny transmitter might have caused the loss of the flagship Mars Observer spacecraft and dashed scientists' hopes of ever reaching the Martian surface in their lifetime.

Nasa engineers, facing mounting criticism and the spectre of deeper cuts in the agency's budgets, said yesterday that the transmitters used to control the probe's vital computer clocks were the same as those used on the NOAA 13 satellite which disappeared at the same time. A spokesman for Nasa said the transistor-related clock failure was now "the most probable ... cause of the spacecraft's failure to communicate".

Other space experts remained convinced that the multi-million dollar Observer had either sailed past Mars or blown up hours before it should have entered a Martian orbit on its mapping expedition. Astronomers said they were unable to help in confirming Observer's fate. A spokesman for the Royal Greenwich Observatory in Cambridge said that ground and space-based telescopes were not powerful enough.

Dr David Hughes, reader in astronomy at Sheffield University and a scientific adviser to the European Space Agency, said the mounting political pressure on the US space agency cast doubt on hopes of sending a replacement probe.

"In the American Congress and the Senate you have a whole gang of people who fundamentally believe money spent on space science is wasted," he said. "They have been given an enormous amount of ammunition here."

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Croat soldier dies as British troops in Bosnia return fire

By Michael Evans
defence correspondent
and Ian Brodie
in washington

■ America has given reassurances that it will participate in the proposed Nato peacekeeping force if agreement is reached on the plan to divide Bosnia-Herzegovina

BRITISH troops shot dead a Croat soldier and wounded two others yesterday after coming under fire from two military buses which drove past a Royal Engineers' camp in the mountains of southwest Bosnia.

The exchange of fire happened outside Camp Redoubt, home of 1 Field Squadron, 21 Engineer Regiment. The camp, consisting of timber-framed huts and parked bulldozers, is at the halfway stage on the journey between Tomislavgrad and Vitez in central Bosnia, known as Route Triangle.

The two buses, packed with Croat soldiers, was returning from central Bosnia down the mountain track towards Tomislavgrad. Croat soldiers shot five high velocity rounds at the camp as the buses went by the entrance. Sentries guarding the camp returned fire. A British Army spokesman at Split, in Croatia, said the buses continued down the hill. Later it was learnt they stopped at the civilian hospital in Tomislavgrad to offload three casualties, one of whom was dead.

Thousands of Croat soldiers regularly pass along the track and often fire into the air close to British troops. Some are often drunk. On this occasion, however, the camp was deliberately targeted.

As details of the latest confrontation between UN troops and local forces emerged, the United States sent strong reassurances that it will participate in the proposed Nato peacekeeping force if agreement is reached on the plan to divide Bosnia-Herzegovina.

While Bosnia's Croats and Serbs have accepted the plan, the deadline for the Muslims to respond is Monday. The signal from Washington was intended to confirm to the Muslims that President Clinton still intends American units to be involved in policing the agreement.

The message was also directed at the French, whose officials have been reported as wondering whether the Americans will take part, having refused to commit ground troops to humanitarian relief operations up to now. "Everyone is waiting to see if Clinton is willing to get his hands dirty," a French official was quoted as saying.

A White House official reiterated promises first made last February that if a viable peace agreement is accepted, the Americans will participate with other Nato countries to maintain it. "We will be actively and fully engaged in the enforcement of the agreement if one is reached," the official said.

There are, however, concerns that Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnia's Muslim president, will have difficulty in signing the latest plan to end the civil war because the envisaged partition would be unfair to his people. Mr Clinton has not decided how many troops he will contribute to a Nato deployment and White House officials refuse to discuss specifics, but planners at the alliance's southern headquarters in Naples have pencilled in 20,000 Americans as part of a force that could total 50,000.

The planners in Naples and Washington agree that speed will be essential once the Nato force gets a formal go-ahead from the UN. The aim is to prevent any of the warring parties, especially the Serbs, from trying to gain last-minute battlefield advantages in any vacuum of authority as the ceasefire takes effect.

In Geneva it was announced last night that Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, will meet Manfred Worner, Nato secretary-general, next week to discuss co-ordination of strategy in former Yugoslavia. Dr Boutros Ghali will also meet Thorvald Stoltenberg, his envoy for former Yugoslavia, on Tuesday.

□ **Belgrade:** — A military court acquitted Zivadin Vasiljevic, a Yugoslav air force officer, of charges that he was responsible for the downing of a European Community helicopter over Croatia last year in which four Italian servicemen and a French monitor were killed. (AP)

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General Ratko Mladic, left, the Bosnian Serb commander, standing behind a Serb flag at a hotel on Mount Jahorina

Karadzic fights for Geneva plan

From Tim Judah in Mount Jahorina
and Adam LeBor

THE Bosnian Serb leadership yesterday faced a fierce rearguard action against the Geneva peace plan as deputies assembled to vote on its proposal to divide Bosnia-Herzegovina into a union of three ethnic republics.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, opened the session. "This map has hurt the interests of the Serbian people," he said, "but I believe we will have to accept in the name of the overall interests of our people. Divorces are always painful but our strategic goals have been achieved."

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, meanwhile, told the Bosnian assembly meeting in the Holiday Inn in Sarajevo that the Geneva accords could not be accepted in their present form.

At the Bosnian Serb meeting, the 78 deputies from areas now under Serb control objected to the proposals, arguing that they stood to lose their homes in areas they had seized by force of arms during the war. Officials said that despite these objections they expected the plan to be accepted.

The Bosnian Serbs control about 70 per cent of Bosnia but, according to the proposed map which the leadership wants to accept, they would yield 20 per cent of this land to the Muslims.

"It is in the overall interest of the [Bosnian] Serb Republic to accept," said Jovan Zametica, a spokesman. "There is unhappiness in certain quarters but, on the other hand, most people are anticipating an end of the war and are looking forward to it."

The regions resisting acceptance included Kupres, Mount Ozren and Brcko. The most significant is Mount Ozren, a large tongue of land reaching deep into Bosnian government territory that has traditionally been populated overwhelmingly by Serbs.

□ **Belgrade:** The Yugoslav national bank is to launch a one billion dinar note on Monday, only two weeks after the 500 million dinar note came into circulation. (*Reuter*)

New Lapp assembly fails to heal rift

From Nicholas George
in Kiruna, Sweden

THE setting-up of Sweden's first Lapp parliament was intended to mark a new relationship between the country's Lapp population and the Swedish state. Instead it has become a symbol of more traditional disputes over land and hunting rights.

Despite the opening of the parliament, the Sameting, in the northern Swedish mining town of Kiruna this week, local people were not concentrating on the speeches or the king's visit. Instead concern centred around the plight of the ptarmigans and hares being hunted on the mountains outside the town.

Until this year, the hunting of small game in northern and central Sweden had been controlled by the Lapps, or Sami as they are now officially called. Now the government has abolished this right, and says anyone who buys a licence can hunt.

"First they take our land, then our hunting rights. Perhaps next year it will be our language or our clothes they don't like," said Lennart Pittja, who with his father, a reindeer herder, has been on hunger strike outside Kiruna town hall for five days.

Around 65,000 Sami live in Northern Norway, Sweden, and Finland, and in Russia's Kola Peninsula. Most are based in Norway with around 17,000 in Sweden. The Swedish Sami have traditionally been nomadic, often herding reindeer across national borders in search of pasture. Now only 2,500 are involved in herding. The building of roads and creation of lakes behind dammed rivers has made reindeer migration difficult, while the felling of forests has eroded stocks of food.

"The Sameting is a cosmetic gesture," said Marie Anne Pesson. "They are giving us something with one hand, and taking away our rights with the other."

But the removal of Sami hunting rights has proven popular with many Swedes who make up the vast majority of those living in the area. They have long resented not being able to hunt on what they regard as state lands.

CIS seeks economic grouping

From Anatol Lieven
in Lvov

LEADERS of ten former Soviet republics are to meet in Moscow on September 7 to establish an economic union, according to the chief co-ordinator of the Commonwealth of Independent States. If confirmed, this would mark a great success for Russian diplomacy.

Yesterday, however, the Russian parliament dealt another blow to President Yeltsin's economic reform when it passed for the second time a budget greatly increasing the deficit, to 25 per cent of gross national product. Mr Yeltsin had vetoed the budget, but parliament struck down most of his amendments and passed its own version again by a two-thirds majority.

According to Russia's present constitution, the president has been overruled. If he vetoes the budget again, he could lay himself open to a fresh attempt at parliamentary impeachment.

The new economic union would be the most spectacular attempt so far to restore order to the trading system in the former Soviet Union, the collapse of which has brought misery to most of the former Soviet republics. Ivan Korotchenya, the chief CIS co-ordinator, said that all ten CIS republics are expected to attend next month's summit, together with leaders of Azerbaijan and Georgia, which stayed out of the CIS.

Third World philosophy defies triumph of reason

From Anne McElvoy in Moscow

THE World Philosophy Congress concluded its week of rumination on the essential things in life yesterday with the election of a Peruvian philosopher to the presidency of the organisation.

Francisco Miro-Quesada, who combines his love of Latin American philosophy with ownership of *El Commercio*, Peru's biggest daily newspaper, is the first Third World figure to be appointed head of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies, an organisation which has the daunting task of co-ordinating discourse between groups as varied as Russian Hegelians, Anglo-Anglican empiricists, and Japanese materialists.

At 74, Dr Miro-Quesada is hardly an example of young blood the society is hoping to attract, but he is a veteran of international conferences and regarded as a good advocate for the claims of philosophy against encroachment from religious fundamentalism or political ideology.

It is likely, however, that the new president will press more strongly the claims of Third World and minority philosophers to enjoy serious attention from the mainstream. In his introductory message Dr Miro-Quesada enjoined members to "harmonise rational principles with the need for cultural and vernacular acknowledgement... to look not only with respect but with true interest at the philosophies of non-Western civilisation".

These sentiments have an unmistakable undertone of political correctness and have set some members wondering what right the president has to tell them what to be interested in. This tendency will strike terror into the purist hearts of analytical philosophers, who regard special pleading as irrelevant or even dangerous to the subject's integrity.

Oxford has only recently introduced those continental wild cards Nietzsche and Schopenhauer in to the undergraduate curriculum. The thought of the Philosophy of Mind finals paper being squeezed out by examination of Third World thought will be about as welcome in Oxbridge as the rise of liberation theology was in Rome.

David Evans, professor of philosophy at Queen's University, Belfast and the most prominent member of the British delegation remains sanguine about the triumph of reason. "We are not a very PC lot," he said. "But we are perhaps more aware than we used to be about the value of other traditions and the possibility of fruitful dealings with them."

Traditionally troubled by defining language, the philosophers were more concerned that day with what a bother it was to have proceedings conducted in five tongues, as the official protocol of the federation now has it. Such minor problems failed to spoil the main excitement of the week, the rapprochement of Russian philosophy, firmly harnessed to revolutionary purpose in 1917, and the West. Some things are slow to change, however, and both the former president, Mikhail Gorbachev, and the Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox Church considered it their natural right to address rather surprised audiences on the nature of truth as they saw it — a sign of the difficulty Russian philosophy faces in escaping the grip of the historically dominant structures of church and state.



Nietzsche: newcomer to Oxford thought

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Shalikashvili's father 'served in SS'

From Reuter
in Washington

THE father of General John Shalikashvili, President Clinton's choice to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, served as a major in the Waffen SS, Hitler's elite troops, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre said yesterday.

An unpublished autobiography stored at Stanford University's Hoover Institution shows that General Shalikashvili's late father, Dimitri Shalikashvili, was an officer in the Polish army who fought the German invasion of his adopted homeland in 1939, the centre said. But by 1941, the elder Shalikashvili, a fervent anti-communist, had joined the German army, and later became a major in the Waffen SS. The documents, which were first reported by the American publication *Defence Daily*, were discovered by the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre, a leading Jewish human rights agency that specializes in remembrance of the Holocaust. *Defence Daily* quoted General Shalikashvili as admitting that his father had been in the German army while saying he was unaware that he had been an SS officer.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder and dean of the Wiesenthal Centre, said the organisation believed General Shalikashvili's nomination should not be judged on the basis of what his father did. "Whatever Dimitri Shalikashvili did during World War II cannot be attached to his son who has earned the right as a patriotic American to be judged on his own merits," he said.

However, he added that the centre would like to know as a matter of record how his father entered the United States when he had been a member of the SS.

The urge to bare flesh without arousing others is widely experienced in America, especially among those who look better clothed

Alexander Chancellor in New York

I once knew a ditty in German of which I can now remember only the first two lines: "Zwanzig Personen in Automobil / Das ist zu viel, das is zu viel", which means, of course, that 20 people in a car is too many. In America, every fantasy, however absurd, becomes real somewhere in the end, so I was only mildly surprised to read in a newspaper that last week in the town of Vinton, Louisiana, a car crashed into a tree with exactly 20 people inside.

I was slightly more surprised to read that all 20 were naked. It later emerged that they were naked not for orgiastic purposes, nor even for the purpose of cramming themselves into such an exiguous space, but in order to cleanse themselves in some way of the devil, who had decided to travel along with them. They were on an outing from their home town of Floydada in Texas, where they are all members of the Pentecostal church.

The person who drove them into the tree was their pastor, 29-year-old Sammy Rodriguez. He was convicted of various traffic offences, but no other charges were brought against him or any of his passengers. The police did consider bringing charges of indecent exposure, but decided not to. "The statute states that for indecent exposure, you have to be exposing yourself in order to arouse someone," a court official explained. "That wasn't their intent."

The urge to bare flesh without intending to arouse anybody is widely experienced in America, especially, it seems, among people who would look a good deal better if decently clothed. I am not sure where this urge comes from, but I suppose it has mainly to do with wanting to feel relaxed and sporty and in touch with the elements.

In any case, President Clinton likes to jog in shorts, despite his unbecoming thighs, and he is not at all unusual. Even in New York, this sophisticated city, there are plenty of men walking the streets and travelling on the subway dressed only in shorts and sneakers, and there are plenty of women who go to work clothed as if for an athletics tournament.

The squeamish, however, should steer clear of Brooklyn, because that is where Rosita de Libre de Marulanda lives. Ms Libre de Marulanda — the subject of an article in the current issue of *The Village Voice* — is the founder of a movement called Titi Liberation, which encourages women to walk the streets bare-breasted.



The magazine describes her as a 48-year-old Columbian "whose round stomach and hanging breasts defy traditional beauty standards", and it says that men cross the road to avoid her when she is out on her summer strolls. But this brave woman is not deterred. "When I walk down the streets, I have a sense of power," she says.

Toplessness — or "topfreedom" as it is now called by its proponents, to rid it of pornographic connotations — has been a feature of women's liberation since the 1960s, when feminists rebelled against wearing bras and would go half clothed to women's festivals and other feminist events. But it is only recently that some women have started to go publicly about their daily business with nothing on above the waist.

This is in part because they have only recently discovered that it is perfectly legal for them to do so. In a decision in People *v* Ramona Santorelli and Mary Lou Schloss, two activists in another movement, called the Coalition for Topfree Equality, the New York State court of appeals ruled last summer that women had the right to go bare-chested wherever men were allowed to. This meant, in effect, that they could do so not only when sunbathing in parks or on beaches, but also on the streets or in the subway.

There was a breakthrough of sorts this year when, for the first time, hundreds of bare-breasted women took part in gay and lesbian marches in Washington and New York. But it still takes a lot of courage for a woman to practise semi-nudity on her own. While the purpose is to persuade men to stop regarding women as sex-objects, by exposing them routinely to the sight of bare breasts, men are being shamefully slow to adapt. Ms Libre de Marulanda says she is always being assailed by catcalls and threats. She has also encountered what she calls "mammophobia" among lesbians, who accuse her of giving their "community" a bad name.

Nevertheless, she feels that the struggle is worthwhile. "You've just got to do it," she told *The Village Voice*. "Even if nothing changes, at least you know in your lifetime you did it. That's powerful." One of her colleagues in Titi Liberation agreed with her: "I spent 25 years in therapy," said Cherie L. Smith, "and this is more beneficial."

My own opinion is that shirtlessness in either sex is generally undesirable on the streets. Rather than promote sexual equality by permitting men and women to practise nudity to the same extent, it would be better, and just as fair, to allow neither to practise it at all.

Blacks in the American public eye are given all of the doubt and none of the benefit, says **Ben Macintyre**

Just waiting for the idols to fall

Oddly, for a country where hero-worship is a multi-million-dollar industry, America loves nothing more than to see its champions brought to earth in a welter of scandal and ignominy. And when they fall, none fall harder than the black idols this country so desperately needs.

In just one year, America has sated itself on stories about Mike Tyson, the heavyweight boxer in jail for rape; Michael Jordan, the basketball star with a taste for gambling; and Rodney King, the black motorist who has been arrested four times since his horrific videotaped encounter with the law in Los Angeles. Then there is Alex Haley, the late black writer now accused of gross plagiarism in his bestselling book *Roots* and allegations of mafia involvement against the Rev Al Sharpton. All the stories were condemnatory, and all the subjects were black.

And now Michael Jackson, who sings about being "Bad" but who cultivated a saccharine image of sweetness and innocence, is rapidly turning from pop star to hate-figure. As I write, Jackson is in Thailand where he has been since the charges of child molestation erupted, while back in America, most of his friends are unavailable for comment, his detractors are claiming foresight with hindsight and the media is in lynch-mob mood.

> The press heaves a hypocritical sigh and the public reads on with relish

I use that word intentionally, with all it's grim connotations in America's racial history, for the unfolding Jackson saga seems to illustrate two crucial aspects of American society: the obsessive scrutiny visited on American celebrities, and the contrast between the black man's fall from grace and that of the white man.

Michael Jackson, who will be 35 on Sunday, might be a textbook example of a life rendered truly bizarre by the effects of fame, constant attention and massive wealth. Earlier this year he finally talked openly about his friendless childhood and the abuse he suffered at his father's hands. He appears to have dealt with his problems by pretending to be a child, and surrounding himself with children. His voice even has a baby-like quality.

Jackson's eccentricities had already damned him in the eyes of many, and the allegations against him were greeted here with something akin to relief by the press. Here was evidence of what had been long muttered. "Peter Pan or Pervert?" screamed *The New York Post* on its front-page, leaving little doubt as to its own view.

Now consider the case of Woody Allen, also accused of child sex abuse, during a bitter child custody battle with his lover of a dozen years, Mia Farrow. Allen's life has been wildly unconventional, yet he was celebrated for it; he too suffered psychological distress, and made a cult out of it. The unproven allegations against him, that he molested his five-year-old adopted daughter Dylan, are still held as gossip, rather than accepted fact. Although his career has hiccupped, it is far from over and his latest film, *Manhattan Murder Mystery*, is proving highly successful. Allen, in short, has been forgiven.

The same is true of Paul Rubens (the child television personality Pee-Wee Herman) who was allegedly caught by police in a pornographic film theatre, charged, shamed, but quickly rehabilitated. Already it seems fair to assume that Michael Jackson will not be treated to the same clemency.

Thirty years ago today, Martin Luther King, one of the few remaining unsullied heroes for the black community, gave his "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC before a quarter of a million people. King observed then that "The Negro lives on a lonely island in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity... the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land." In the three decades since then, a handful of blacks have pulled themselves out of the slough of poverty with stunning success. Jackson, Jordan, and the basketball player Magic Johnson are among the wealthiest people in the land.

But the price they must pay appears to be a higher standard of behaviour than is expected of their white counterparts, and a reluctance on the part the American public to forgive or forget. Beneath all this is the racist and patronising but hoary and hidden assumption, in newspaper offices and television stations cross the country, that when a black man trips and falls, that is only to be expected.

When the Canadian runner Ben Johnson tests positive for steroids, when Tyson jostles a prison warder, when Johnson bravely announces his HIV infection but then admits to multiple sexual liaisons, the American press (which is, after all, predominantly liberal) heaves a hypocritical sigh and the American public reads on with relish.

Arthur Ashe, a superb athlete and one of the most creditable individuals this country has ever produced, contracted the Aids virus through a heart operation in 1983. When he announced this, and even when he died, earlier this year, some commentators could not resist a little veiled, cruel and utterly unfounded speculation.

When Colin Powell, the black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recently sold the rights to his memoirs for $6.5 million, he was accused of abusing his position; last year, when Norman Schwartzkopf, who is white, sold his book for a million dollars less, not a word of rebuke was uttered.

One of the most telling recent instances of America's racial double standard occured after the murder of James Jordan, father of the basketball star Michael Jordan. Mr Jordan was shot dead as he slept in his car by a highway. Immediately, the media here started to speculate that this must be connected with his son's much-publicised gambling. Some assumed this was a failed extortion attempt. A few went so far as to suggest, without a scintilla of proof, that he had been killed by the mafia for an unpaid debt. When two 18-year-olds, one black, the other a Lumbee Indian, were charged with the murder, the media changed tack. Why did it take nearly three weeks for the Jordan family to report Mr Jordan's disappearance? The implication was that, at best, the Jordan family is not as close-knit as it ought to be, at worst, that James Jordan was doing something wrong. A random tragedy swiftly became a conspiracy, heavy with racist overtones.

Michael Jackson may be guilty or innocent of the child abuse charges, but he has already been widely condemned. Civil rights legislation ensures that blacks, like whites, are innocent until proven guilty; but the benefit of the doubt, a benison controlled almost exclusively by the media, is a right still not guaranteed.

Delays possible, indefinitely

Complaints about hold-ups on British roads are not matched on the Continent

DUNCAN BAXTER



Is the state of British motorways a sign of inertia in government? Other countries seem to have learnt a lesson from Mussolini

Mussolini was no fool. He knew that the way to the heart of Europe's newly mobile middle class was simple: cut their journey times. For two decades the cry of admiration went up across the Continent. "Il Duce has made the trains run on time!" This achievement seemed to excuse all.

For trains now read motorways. Rome's politics may be chaotic. Prime ministers may come and go — go mostly to jail. But somehow, by hook and doubtless by crook, the Italian motorways run more or less on time. This summer I drove from Siena to the Alps without passing a single roadwork, cone or contra-flow. My average speed and journey time were precisely as predicted by the hotel receptionist.

I have made numerous car journeys this summer, in Britain, Italy, France and Switzerland. Those in Britain have left me baffled. On the M4 from Bath to London I passed no fewer than six coned obstructions, two of them fully-fledged contraflows. I sped up and slowed down. I swerved and zigzagged. I thought of Chesterton and "the night we went to Birmingham by way of Beachy Head". Could he be right, that "before the Roman came to Rye and out to Severn strode / The Rolling English drunkard made the rolling English road"? Few transport secretaries of my acquaintance have been drunkards.

On the autoroute from Calais to Provence, packed with Europe's holidaying millions, there was not one obstruction. Three obstacles blighted the short route from London to Dover. As I drowsily waited in one British jam, the lane opposite looked like an ancient goods yard, with piles of stores, Portaloos, men sunning themselves, a general air of inertia. Such a scene was more typical of Italy, yet I never saw it on an Italian autostrada. What is the secret that the Italians and French possess that so eludes our motorway moguls?

The experts assure me that there are only a dozen real contraflows in Britain at any one time. The dazzling red and white chicanes on the M25 and the M62, receive inordinate publicity, but lane closures proliferate. The explanations are not wholly convincing. According to the AA, the RAC, the British Road Federation and the transport department, Britain's motorways are more intensively used than any others: 54,000 "average daily flow" against 35,000 in Germany and 16,000 in France. They wear out quicker. We care more for the safety of drivers and workmen, and cone off larger sections than the callous continentals. Britain's motorways are being widened to meet future demand. Some say they are built more cheaply, not using high quality porous tarmac. Last week the roads minister, Robert Key, added a new excuse: "It takes time for concrete to dry."

The French and Italians say they built roads better in the first place. They use more highly-engineered tunnels and bridges. They need not endure the over-cautious rules of Britain's health and safety executive. And perhaps best explanation of all, most continental drivers pay tolls and expect the roads to be clear of obstruction. Repairs are normally done at night. I came across one such nocturnal operation in France: a film set of arc lights, roaring machinery and frantic activity. British Rail does its track repairs at night. Why not British roads? The reason, I am sure, is that a motorway blocked by daytime repair loses the ministry no toll revenue, while night-time repairs cost more.

Every now and then the transport department shows a burst of energy. It invents concepts such as "lane rentals" and "parallel widening" and publishes a forest of green papers on privatisation, electronic tolls and speed charging. Whitehall is always strong on ideas, less strong on managing their implementation. One of Mr Key's many predecessors, Peter Bottomley (roads ministers change as often as Italian governments), declared some years ago that the days of the cone were over. A new system of high-speed repair would do away with them altogether. Really? On Saturday Mr Key boasted of his citizen's charter "cone hotline". Irate motorists are asked to tell him of unnecessary lane closures so he can penalise the contractors.

This image is not a happy one. Mr Key's Marsham Street office block is supposedly the nerve centre of Britain's centralised motorway network. Yet he and his aides sit there apparently oblivious of the world outside. The lines to the front are down, and regiments of contractors are roaming wild, coning off Mr Key's beloved motorways with abandon. Mr Key has powers to punish them — how he would like to punish them! — if only he could find them. Please would somebody telephone him to say where they are?

Simon Jenkins

The wilder shores of French government are seldom praised in this column, but I must admit that the French know how to run motorways. France's autoroutes are well-designed. Overhead digital displays give time and temperature as well as news of traffic conditions ahead. Signs point out mountains, rivers and historic buildings along the route. Laneside work is guarded by moving illuminated trucks, rarely by cones.

On the Continent there are more service areas and other stopping places. These are not the products of some uniform corporate design manual. Somebody has thought to give to the tedious experience of long-distance driving some spark of interest, a sense of journeying across a diverse landscape, not a grim race from A to B. From Champagne to Avignon, from Tuscany to Aosta, motorists can stop where the view is good, are offered information on the region and sold the produce of the land. Local authorities take the opportunity to welcome visitors to their region, however transient the stay. I defy a British motorist to tell a motorway service station in Yorkshire from one in Wiltshire. They are all the same. Whitehall's hatred of localism is ubiquitous. (I will give Britain's service areas one plus: their fast food is as good as any in Europe.)

British motorways are the responsibility of Whitehall. Mr Key can hardly excuse his ignorance of road delays by blaming contractors. Nor can he pretend that tolls will release resources for higher quality repair. In Britain, tolls are simply taxes, and go to the Exchequer. The Treasury does not reserve revenue to one area of spending. Drivers already contribute some £20 billion to the Treasury in taxes; barely a third of that is spent on roads. Motorway tolls would just vanish into the same maw.

I believe British cabinets are missing a trick that Mussolini instinctively understood. Opinion polls may cite unemployment, education and health as the political issues of the day. Enter the proverbial saloon bar and you will hear a different list: graffiti, vandalism, bad language on television, delays on motorways, especially the last when millions take to their cars to go on holiday. These irritants are secondary but significant. What is seen as a simple government job, policing the everyday environment, is on public display: "Why can't *they* do something about it?" When politicians cannot correct these small irritants, what confidence does the public have on the big ones? They see a loss of control, an inability to manage.

Motorway politics are what Marshall McLuhan called "hot politics". They evince a positive or negative response, not just a yawn, from the electorate. Like Mussolini's railways, Britain's motorways belong to the state. Their condition is a visible proxy for the condition of the state. Mussolini improved the railways by banning the old unions and recruiting stationmasters into the fascist party. He showed that government could master resources and bend them to the service of the customer. This made him immensely popular. On the Continent, politicians have received the same message. Something in British politics is blocking it. I find this mysterious.

Alarums without!

THE TIMES DIARY

"I DID set the alarm clock — didn't I?" The worry will be familiar to all those blessed (yes blessed) with a regular requirement to get up in the morning — that niggling anxiety that drags the dozer back from Nod to blindly fumble for the elusive bedside timepiece. "Did I? Yes... aah... Now back you come, O sleep."

And back, eventually, O sleep comes, at least for a few blissful moments, before the worry's elder brother invades the slumbering subconscious — "But will it go off?" Wide awake again, the nocturnal battle with technology resumes. So it goes on, interruption after anxious interruption, their frequency in direct proportion to the importance of what the next day brings.

Like, for instance, the day when it's absolutely vital that you remember to turn left at Mars. For while most of us will consider ourselves unfortunate to have a handful of such sleepless nights a year, one individual hasn't enjoyed a full night's rest for 11 months. Yes, pity indeed the technician whose job it was to set the alarm clock on the Mars Observer space probe.

For him or her, the answer lies a great deal further than a stretched arm away. How many nights of lonely vigil must he or she have passed in gazing anxiously skywards, asking: "Did I, did I — and if I did, will it go off?" In the continuing absence of a celestial squeal of brakes and a quick U-turn round Phobos, the answer, sadly, appears to be no.

The Observer spacecraft is not the only body gently slumbering its way into outer space. Remand prisoners at the privately-run Wold prison have a pretty similar lifestyle, according to Judge Stephen Tumim, the prison service's very own spy in the sky. Prisoners enjoying the lavish hospitality of Group 4, it appears, have nothing to fear from alarm clocks. As far as the good judge can determine, they get up only when the sun is out or when they've run out of drugs.

This laid back approach to life, at least the narcotically-unchallenged part, has its defenders. Gerald Kaufman took time off from his hiss-filled vendetta against the manufacturers of compact discs to promote the merits of doing nothing, particularly for politicians. The findings of the latest MORI opinion poll for the *The Times* confirmed Kaufman has at least something of a point. With many politicians out of sight and mind on holiday, support for the government has marginally increased while support for the Opposition has declined. Proof, should it be needed, that there is one thing that Tories still do best.

But for those whose lot it is to rise early, anxieties do not cease with the ringing of the alarm. There is then what is known in BBC circles as the *Today* tease. "It's 11 minutes past nine," announces John Humphrys, prompting screams of panic from the nation's kitchens and bathrooms. "No it's not, it's 11 minutes past *eight*," says Brian Redhead. The nation breathes a sigh of relief — "not as bad as we thought" — and lowers it guard.

Those few Tory politicians who are around have embarked on a variation of the tease. "Top rate of tax should go up to 45 per cent," said the likes of John Biffen and Keith Hampson. Michael Portillo spread the alarm still wider, confirming a vague if pressing need for "revenue-raising measures". Now all we have to do is wait until November and that nice Mr Clarke. You are teasing, aren't you Ken?

Rail users are desperately hoping that the spate of British Rail stories — fares up 20 per cent, no service on a Sunday, branch lines to close — is following a similarly fanciful track before privatisation. Others, however, are convinced that rail's private-sector awakening will indeed be rude, akin to waking up convinced it's Saturday, only to find that not only is it Monday, but it's raining and there are leaves on the line.

Monday starts, though, hold no fear for John Patten. Having spent the weekend up to his waist in stagnant water for the cameras, the education secretary returned to work to find himself up to his neck in exam results. But he lost no time in showing his supporters he was back on top form. Told that the A-level students were revolting, he replied: "Let them go to further education colleges." There can be no doubt — Patten is better.

But for a few lucky others, the week brought the sort of sublime delight understood only by those who have awoken certain that a failed alarm has left them late for work, only to discover it's Saturday. Like the 25 executives of London Weekend Television who woke up to discover the shares they collectively bought for £3 million in 1989 are now worth £73 million. For them a lifetime of Saturdays stretch ahead, should they so wish. Or like the Jesuit College in Dublin which discovered that the painting that had hung on its dining-room wall for decades was a Caravaggio worth more than £20 million. Briefly, for the Jesuits too, a lifetime of Saturdays stretched ahead, until the Order gave the painting to the National Gallery of Dublin. But then Jesuits have always been fond of their alarm clocks.

MATTHEW BOND



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SCIENCE IN LIMBO

The loss of Nasa's Observer is a small step back for mankind

The road on which science advances is slow and studded with failures, some instructive, some merely frustrating. Should the Observer Mars probe, launched by America's National Aeronautics and Space Agency, prove to have gone absent without leave, it will be a small step back for mankind. Should the unmanned exploration of space, derided by cynics as the waste of "a billion dollars on some colour photographs", be put on hold, the loss will be vastly greater.

Even before Observer lost its voice, Nasa was already losing ground to its enemies. The political battle is familiar to all scientists trying to defend the value of adding data to the corpus of knowledge for which they can claim no immediate terrestrial utility. The financial costs of scientific failure have risen far since Archimedes made such valuable use of a bath, Galileo of balls of different weight, Newton of an apple — and never more sharply than in recent decades.

Nasa's star has correspondingly waned since the 1960s. The brilliantly successful "grand tour" of the solar system by Voyager 2, still sending back signals from the cosmos after a 4.43 billion mile journey which swung it round Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus to rendezvous in 1989 with Neptune and its moon, Triton, has been overshadowed by defects in the Hubble space telescope and the Galileo probe now passing the asteroid Ida en route for its destination, Jupiter.

Scientists, and space scientists more than most, dream fantastic dreams; but space scientists are more exposed to failures than their laboratory-bound colleagues. The character of unmanned space exploration is to pitch man's computer-aided intelligence against hostile environments and remote targets spinning in space at thousands of miles an hour. Even with backup systems on board these craft, the leeway for error is almost non-existent.

The Russians, more than half of whose 15 or more missions to Mars failed completely, "lost" their second Phobos Mars probe because a single plus and minus sign was transposed in commands involving tens of thousands of digits. In the case of the Hubble, astronauts will try later this year, at a cost of $250 million, to correct distortions in its giant mirror resulting from the failure to fit a 1.1 millimetre washer in the instrument used to test it before launching.

Nasa's Observer successfully traversed all but the last half million miles of a 450 million mile journey, only to seem to vanish as it was about to go into its planned orbit — whether into the thin air around Mars, or the Universe beyond, or into smithereens is beyond the knowledge of the anxious team hunched in the Gabriel mountains above Los Angeles. The reasons for its silence are equally mysterious: a fault in a humble electronic clock could be the culprit.

Mars, locked in the slumber of profound ice age, has always occupied a special place in the imagination, heightened by its Earthlike seasons, the evidence of past volcanic activity and areas that look like dried river valleys. But Nasa's own success of 17 years ago, when its Viking probes indicated that Mars was sterile even of microbiotic life, has reduced the anthropomorphic appeal of exploring the Red Planet.

Observer's mission was more drily technical: to map the climate of Mars, which because it obeys the same laws of physics but has no oceans is an excellent laboratory for testing the circulation of the atmosphere — knowledge of potential relevance to understanding atmospheric change on earth. It was not programmed to pursue the age-old question, can we be alone in a galaxy we now know to contain perhaps 200 billion "suns", in a cosmos replete with carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen, the chemicals of life.

What Nasa scientists call the "routine magic" should, however, be now entering an exciting new co-operative phase. Part of Russia's Mars programme has been saved by modest injections of Western money. The long history of science would judge Nasa's latest failure in better perspective than a cash-hungry American Congress. To lose a spacecraft is more than unfortunate: but it should not condemn Nasa to the Congressional knacker's yard.

CIVILIAN WINDOW-DRESSING

The new Nigerian regime sits in General Babangida's shadow

If the departure of Nigeria's president, General Babangida, was surprising, his failure to recognise the legitimacy of the winner of June's presidential election, Chief Moshood Abiola, was not. Treating the voters with his usual contempt, the General has handed formal control of government to a 32-member Interim Federal Executive Council headed by Ernest Shonakan. No one should be deceived by this manoeuvre.

No member of the Interim Council has been elected. It is the handiwork of General Babangida's National Defence and Security Council, which appears not yet to have been dissolved. Mr Shonekan does not inspire confidence, having served since January as head of the Transitional Council set up by the military. He still has the uniformed company of General Sani Abacha, General Babangida's Sancho Panza in the *coup d'état* of 1985. General Abacha, now deputy head of government, is the significant player in a colourless civilian crowd.

Nigeria has, recently, been full of "councils". The new council is described as interim, but no one is sure when it will be wound up. It is expected to prepare for fresh elections in 1994, in which it is thought General Babangida will run. But why should there be another election? Nigeria has just had one, which Chief Abiola won, and it is to him that power should be handed. There is no case for further delay.

General Babangida has presided over a country that has been pauperised through graft, mismanagement and the absence of political accountability. The naira is increasingly worthless and the economy is reliant to a stupefying extent on oil, which takes a share in Nigeria's export earnings that is put at 98 per cent. The national union of oil workers, NUPENG, has threatened to go on strike if power is not handed over to the elected government. This would be catastrophic for the economy and could be destabilising; but a regime thus starved of funds might be forced to see sense.

Chief Abiola, at present seeking support in America, is in a dilemma. His return to Nigeria now might ignite public disorder that would give the Interim Council an excuse to procrastinate. His own safety, too, could not be assured. There is, however, evidence that sections of his Social Democratic Party have colluded with the Interim Council. His return may help to control defections from his party's ranks. He has, it must be said, no solid political base. It was the denial of power that gave him real political stature.

Britain ceased to make formal pronouncements of recognition or non-recognition in 1980. Instead, it simply considers what dealings it should have, if any, with a new regime. In Nigeria's case it cannot sit idly by. It should recall its High Commissioner from Abuja and impose economic sanctions commensurate with the gravity of the situation. The measures now in force are puny. Mr Shonakan's government may appear largely civilian, but it is a marionette in the hands of the military. That is what Nigerians think: after fair elections, they have a right to international backing. To deplore General Babangida's methods is not enough.

SOUNDS OF NOTTING HILL

Less trouble in the streets means more time for music

It is to be hoped that this weekend's Notting Hill carnival — following the precedent of recent years — will be free-spirited, exuberant and memorable for its music more than for its violent madness. If that hope were fulfilled, it would be a boost for the much-maligned modern British urban culture.

Thirty years ago it was commonly said that traditional British ideals were being threatened or "diluted" by the impact of black and Asian immigrants. Today, thanks more to British good sense than the imposition of law, those fears are less frequently expressed. Meanwhile, as few even among liberals had the vision or optimism to forecast, the influx from the Commonwealth has done much to enrich and revive British sport, poetry, slang, street-life, cuisine — and even the dear old English novel, formerly supine somewhere in Hampstead.

The impact has been most noticeable in popular music. White British musicians have long been indebted to black Americans. Without rhythm and blues there would have been no Beatles or Rolling Stones; without soul no Simply Red; without reggae no UB40. Now it is rap and its reggae-based sister, ragga, that are the brash imports, controversial on their first arrival, but destined probably for the respectability of their predecessors.

Many British parents have been alarmed about the new musical movement — often with good cause. Rap lyrics confront street violence and drug addiction. They have often condoned these crimes too — in language as blunt as the subject-matter. In America, rap songs peddling vicious abuse against women and the police have been written specifically to provoke outrage. "Cop Killer", released (and subsequently withdrawn) by the singer Ice-T, was the most notorious. In Britain the ragga artist Buju Banton brought out "Boom Bye Bye", advocating, it seemed, that gays be shot.

Supporters of ragga culture prefer to advance such figures as Apache Indian, the young Indian from Handsworth, Birmingham, who expresses a quieter pride in his Asian roots, and whose best-known song, "Arranged Marriage", addresses a thorny matter for British Asians. The final direction of the art form is not clear. But the trend seems to be from worse to better. More rap and ragga artists prefer to dazzle with their verbal and musical virtuosity than to bludgeon with "attitude".

Moreover, they have developed a remarkable ability to cross-fertilise their musical ideas. Caribbean rhythms have been harnessed, to exhilarating effect, with traditional Hindu scales; Irish folk-singers and Senegalese drummers share not only the same world-music festivals, but sometimes the same songs. Two million people will flock to Notting Hill this Bank Holiday to listen to the result and celebrate an important pathway on the road to racial tolerance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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War crimes in the Bosnia conflict

From the Countess of Limerick, Chairman of Council, British Red Cross

Sir, The forthcoming international conference in Geneva for the protection of war victims (August 30 to September 1) represents an opportunity to promote existing efforts to strengthen the repression of war crimes. The ultimate goal should be the establishment of a permanent international war crimes tribunal.

With civilians facing appalling conditions and brutality in former Yugoslavia and elsewhere, the Red Cross believes that this is part of a solution to the terrible suffering of innocent people in wars world-wide.

It is urging governments to face up to their responsibilities under the Geneva Conventions of 1949, which bind 181 nations. In today's conflicts, ignorance of humanitarian rules by fighters, or their disregard for those rules, leads to horrifying atrocities.

The conference must serve as an opportunity to review throughly the measures that states can take to prevent violations of humanitarian law, in particular their responsibility for spreading knowledge of the law among their military forces and public.

States must act, individually or collectively, when warring sides are not prepared to respect the rules of war.

Yours,
SYLVIA LIMERICK,
Chairman of Council,
British Red Cross,
9 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1..
August 27.

From Mr Robert Wareing, MP for Liverpool, West Derby (Labour)

Sir, The letter of David Faber, MP (August 25), was a breath of fresh air, pointing as it did to official Croatian involvement in the Bosnian conflict. In my view, the lack of impartiality shown by much of the media on this issue has been outrageous.

Croat and Muslim leadership, as well as Serbian, have much to answer for. So has the international community and, in particular, the European Community: the premature recognition of Croatia and the encouragement of Bosnia-Herzegovina to leave Yugoslavia, followed by the orchestrated campaign against the Serbs as the sole villains, did nothing to retain any stability in a vital part of the Balkans.

Precious little attention has been paid to the lack of human rights accorded to the substantial Serb minorities in Croatia, a factor which gave succour to extreme nationalist forces to exploit their rightful grievances. Croatian involvement in the war did not commence when the Western TV cameras found their way to Mostar: it has been there from the start. The Bosnian-Croat province of Herzeg-Bosna, in the hinterland of Split and Dubrovnik, has long been perceived by its population as a part of Croatia proper.

Apart from the Croats, the role of Muslim extremists goes largely ignored, yet atrocities are committed against innocent Croat and Serb civilians around Vitez where so many of our own troops are stationed, coming under fire from both Croats and Muslims.

When Parliament returns there are likely to be calls for much more pressure to be exerted on the Croats and the Muslims and to persuade our German partners in the EC to take a more realistic view of the role being played by Croatia.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WAREING
(Vice-Chairman, All-Party British-Yugoslav Parliamentary Group),
House of Commons.
August 26.

From Mr B. C. J. Warnes

Sir, There is little new in this often sad world. Page 229 of the just-released book *Codebreakers*, dealing with the monitoring of radio signals from Yugoslavia in September 1943, comments:

We were also able to supply evidence of Ustashi [Croat] atrocities commited against Serbs and Bosnians in the region round Mostar . . ."

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN WARNES,
The Coach House,
50a Blackheath Park, SE3.
August 27.

Well kept secret

From the Archdeacon of York

Sir, *The Times* Diary (August 27) records that Mr Hugh Russell "knew about the invasion of Dunkirk some eight months before the engagement, but managed to keep it a secret from his wife".

He clearly kept it a secret from everyone else. Is the editor of the Diary to be congratulated on a world exclusive or arrested for a breach of the Official Secrets Act?

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE AUSTIN,
7 Lang Road,
Bishopthorpe, York.
August 27.

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Safety and risks of home childbirth

From Dr Greg Warner

Sir, Dr M. J. V. Bull (letter, August 23) would probably see me as a reactionary: together with an excellent midwife I attend home births for appropriately selected women who request this option. In fact, I have simply succeeded in dousing my fears about what might go wrong with a good dose of scientific fact about the true level of risk, combined with appropriate training.

Dr Bull's description of the death of a baby in his care many years ago adds nothing to the argument without any detailed qualification. In addition, obstetric problems in the Third World are, of course, not to do with "home births" as such but mainly to poor general health and nutrition.

Doctors have generally converted their fears into a paternalistic blocking of the choice of many sensible women to have their babies at home. I am glad that Winterton and Cumberlege resisted the powerful pressure of male-dominated obstetrics and, by listening to reasonable scientific opinion, have realised that childbirth is a time "when a *doctor's* feelings come second".

Yours faithfully,
GREG WARNER,
Nightingale Surgery,
Great Well Drive,
Romsey, Hampshire.
August 23.

From Dr Gavin Young

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford, in his article headed "When a mother's feelings come second" (Body and Mind, August 17), appears to have misunderstood my article in *Pulse*. Nowhere in it did I suggest that a woman's experience should be put "before a baby's safety". Nowhere did I or any other member of the government's expert maternity group suggest this would be acceptable.

What I said was that the Cumberlege report on childbirth, "like Winterton, shifts the focus away from considering *only* perinatal mortality" — i.e., that it hopes to extend care beyond producing a healthy baby. The group examined the whole issue of safety in great depth and concluded, as did the extensive research by the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit in Oxford, that "there is no evidence to support the claim that the safest policy is for all women to give birth in hospital".

It is not helpful to present a woman with an anecdote, such as Dr Stuttaford's, about a Norfolk farmer who limps following a home birth. It would be more informative to tell her that the incidence of cerebral palsy in the Western world has remained unchanged for the last 50 years despite a huge shift from home to hospital birth. If place of birth was an important factor in child handicap we should have seen a sharp decrease. We have not.

The major components of perinatal mortality are pre-term labour and unexpected death in the womb before the onset of labour. Place of birth is not relevant in either case, as it is most unlikely that a woman in premature labour would wish for her baby to be born at home.

I hope women will get the opportunity to read *Changing Childbirth* themselves. I believe that it will encourage all of us, midwives, general practitioners and obstetricians, to be more thoughtful about how we care for women in pregnancy and birth.

Yours faithfully,
GAVIN L. YOUNG,
Barncroft Surgery,
Temple Sowerby, Penrith, Cumbria.

From Mr Michael Murphy

Sir, Kate Smith (letter, August 23) complains that GPs are unwilling to attend home deliveries.

My father was in general practice from 1928 to 1960. During that time he carried out many home deliveries. I wonder whether he would do so today with the spectre of malpractice litigation peering over his shoulder.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MURPHY,
165 St John's Hill, SW11.

Future of Trident

From Commander Robert Green, RN (retd)

Sir, Your leading article, "Trident's future" (August 20), begs some questions:

1. If Trident is targetless, against whom is Polaris targeted? Deterrence doctrine depends on the enemy knowing it is targeted. Perhaps anyone within range and seen as a threat to British vital interests should assume the worst. After all, as you stated, "nuclear powers must be judged on their capability, not their intentions".

2. Of the "more than 20 states already with ballistic missile capability, some within range of Britain", presumably France is one? Before blood vessels burst, an unmentioned justification for Britain's bomb has always been that it would be unthinkable for the French to be the only European nuclear power (and vice versa).

3. What of Trident's threat to the Royal Navy as a balanced force able to police this island nation's coastline, credibly deter aggression and help keep the peace world-wide? In a *Times* interview on August 11 the chief of naval staff described the overstretch caused by the Navy's contribution to UN operations in the Adriatic; and he was embarrassed by the disposal of four new diesel submarines built at a cost of almost £1 billion. In short, Britain now has to choose between an effective Royal Navy and Trident.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT GREEN,
2 Chiswick House,
High Street,
Twyford, Berkshire.
August 20.

From Mr D. M. Harper

Sir, Your leader caused me to wonder if our Cabinet ministers ever talk to each other, in particular the defence secretary and the home secretary.

Malcolm Rifkind obviously accepts the risk to this country arising from the proliferation of nuclear weapons by rogue states and the terrorist with his suitcase nuclear device. Not so Michael Howard, who has allowed the scrapping of the United Kingdom warning and monitoring organisation, the Royal Observer Corps and county civil defence volunteers (together with our siren system) and the selling-off of most of the countrywide protected emergency control centres (which cost us billions to construct over the last 20 years).

The new civil defence regulations were sneaked through the House of Commons (by a committee) at the end of June, without full debate, and became law on August 1. They reduce the national funds for disaster planning by nearly 50 per cent — in London, for example, the co-ordination of emergency planning in the 32 London boroughs ceases.

In the same issue as your leader you report (later editions) the continuing inability of the London Ambulance Service to cope with even a limited emergency resulting, perhaps, in several hundreds of casualties. Is it too much to hope that John Major might persuade his two colleagues to reconcile their views?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HARPER
(Deputy President),
The Institute of Civil Defence and Disaster Studies,
Bell Court House,
11 Blomfield Street, EC2.

In-flight smoking

From Dr Malcolm Green

Sir, Dr Paul Thomas of the Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Hospital (letter, August 17) — if not Mr Clive Turner of the Tobacco Advisory Council (August 25) — will be pleased to hear that as from September 1 British Airways will be making one of its two flights daily to Los Angeles and San Francisco completely non-smoking, on a trial basis.

Passive smoking is unpleasant and unhealthy and recent research has shown that, in modern aeroplanes, all passengers receive some pollution from cigarette smoke on a smoking flight, due to the recirculation of air.

Let us hope the BA initiative, which follows representation made by this foundation, is supported by passengers and leads to more routes and airlines following suit.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM GREEN
(Chairman),
British Lung Foundation,
8 Peterborough Mews, SW6.

Kwite rite

From Mr Ivor Blight

Sir, I must complane about Alan Coren's peas in today's papr. I nrly mist my trane becos it took me 10 per sent longr to reed.

Yrs,
IVOR BLIGHT,
129 Epsom Road, Guildford, Surrey.
August 25.

Pit safety

From Mr Richard Lamb

Sir, As a survivor of the dwindling breed of former coal owners allow me to point out that, although Michael Spicer ("Private pits mean less risk", August 20), as a former minister for coal and electricity, suggests that privatisation might improve safety in mines, the history of the National Coal Board does not support him.

Immediately the coal mines were handed over on January 1, 1974, the NCB concentrated on improving safety. Our mining engineers, who became the pit managers for the NCB, were scathing about the way in which costs were allow to escalate. For example, it was impossible to sack any miner, and detailed weekly pit costings, one of the keys to measuring efficiency, were produced after a fortnight's delay instead of, as in our concern, on the Sunday morning following the working week.

However, our mining engineers soon became unanimous in praising the NCB for improving safety, and their record since is outstanding. This makes one wring one's hands at the sheer bad luck of the Bilsthorpe disaster.

The most cogent argument against privatisation, to my mind, is that centralised technical research into safety would suffer.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LAMB
(Former Director, Hartley Main Collieries Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne),
Knighton Manor, Broadchalke,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Crimean War: and the reasons why

From Major Colin Robins, RA (retd)

Sir, May I challenge the statement in your leading article of August 18, "Long red line", that Sevastopol "was flattened by Royal Naval bombardment" during the Crimean war.

Artillery fire from the Allies — French and British — was continuous from October 17, 1854, until the evacuation of the city by the Russians during the night of September 8-9, 1855, and, although that bombardment included fire from the British fleet at the massively strong forts defending the harbour from the sea, it was the ships that were severely damaged and the forts survived virtually untouched.

No further attempt to bombard Sevastopol from the sea was made. Much of the "flattening" was done by the Russians themselves as they left, and more followed as our engineers blew up forts and dockyard installations. Details of the campaign should be clearly displayed in the new Royal Artillery Museum now being prepared at Woolwich.

There were two other inaccuracies in your leader. Generals were certainly not then "non-combatants": they led their troops from the front at Alma, Balaclava, Inkerman and the several assaults on Sevastopol, and many died doing so. And "nostalgic theme tours" are already taking place: after several last year, another sets off next month and will include, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
COLIN ROBINS,
12 Enville Road, Bowdon, Cheshire.
August 18.

From Mr J. K. Crookshank

Sir, Your leader of August 18 states that all commanders in the Crimean war displayed "muddle and incompetence". This is untrue. As was graphically documented by your newspaper's correspondent, William Howard Russell, many of the battles were handled with skill by both British and French commanders in the field.

A good example was the highly successful charge by the Heavy Cavalry Brigade, which cleared over 1,500 Russian cavalry away from the vital ground between Sevastopol and the British base at Balaclava early in the morning of October 25, 1854.

Sadly, the effect of this action was marred by the Light Brigade's brave but (as Russell described it) "melancholy catastrophe". Brigadier General Scarlett's charge, leading his own old regiment the 5th Dragoon Guards amongst others, may be little known at large; but it is well remembered by the army and in particular by the successor regiment to the 5th Dragoon Guards, formed by the amalgamation of two other regiments, the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons and the 5th Dragoon Guards, which charged at Balaclava.

Scarlett's campaign chest and other mementoes of 1854 are still carefully preserved by the Royal Dragoon Guards of the 1990s at the regiment's home headquarters in York.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. CROOKSHANK,
Ivy House, North Street,
Westbourne,
Nr Emsworth, Hampshire.

From Mr Andrew Low

Sir, Anne McElvoy's reference, in her report of August 18, to "Lord Cardigan's famous incompetence" at Balaclava is quite unfair to him. It was not his idea to charge the Russian guns head-on: he obeyed his orders, and without enthusiasm.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW LOW,
65 Regency Square, Brighton, Sussex.
August 19.

Penny plain

From Mr D. L. B. Hartley

Sir, If pensioners (report, August 23) cannot afford a colour television licence (£83) they should change to monochrome (£27.50). That is no hardship.

If the government makes licence concessions to all pensioners it will be introducing a new blanket benefit when there is growing agreement that such benefits are wasteful. Some pensioners are well-to-do, many others are comfortably off.

I have only a black and white set; but I prefer the picture to the too-good-to-be-true colours of the other screen.

Yours truly,
DESMOND HARTLEY,
Ghyll Bank, Brook Road,
Windermere, Cumbria.
August 23.

Ticklish task

From Mr James Ramsden

Sir, Re your report (August 26) that a gross of condoms has been salvaged from the U-boat off the Danish coast, Sir Peter Tennant, in his excellent book, *Touchlines of War*, published last year, states that his "black" activities while British press attaché in neutral Stockholm during World War II included impregnating consignments of condoms destined for the German forces with itching powder.

Were these part of the same batch?

I am, Sir, yours etc,
JAMES RAMSDEN,
Old Sleningford Hall,
Ripon, North Yorkshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 27: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this afternoon received Major-General Robert Corbett upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, D (London Irish Rifles) Company, and Major-General Corran Purdon upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness later received Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Potter upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion.

The Duke of York also received Lieutenant-Colonel David Keenan upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 7th Battalion, and Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart Douglas upon assuming the appointment.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 27: The Prince Edward arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon from Prague, the Czech Republic.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by His Excellency Mr Mboni N. Dlamini (High Commissioner for the Kingdom of Swaziland) to celebrate the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Kingdom at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, Cadogan Place, London SW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr V.E. Crutchley and Miss L.M. Powell
The engagement is announced between Victor, son of Lieutenant Commander William Crutchley and the late Mrs Yolande Crutchley, and stepson of the Hon Mrs Crutchley, of Powerstock, Dorset, and Laetitia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Powell, of Chalmington, Dorset.

Mr P.S.St C. Holden and Miss H.S. Woodward
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Ellis Holden, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Woodward, of Mudeford, Dorset.

Dr D.C. Lindsay and Dr P.J. Riddle
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Lindsay, of Beauchief, Sheffield, and Pippa, daughter of Dr H.F.V. Riddle, of Elie, Fife, and Mrs P. Riddle, of Edinburgh.

Lieutenant S. Ruston, RLC, and Miss C.E. Kerr
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Stephen Ruston, Royal Logistics Corps, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ruston, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon, and Miss Camilla Kerr, eldest daughter of Commander and Mrs Nicholas Kerr, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr T.P. Skipper and Miss S.J. Windsor
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs David Skipper, of Woburn, Bedfordshire, and Susannah, daughter of Dr Malcolm Windsor, of Duddingston, Edinburgh, and Mrs George-Anne Windsor, of Epsom, Surrey, and stepdaughter of Mrs Sally Windsor.

Mr K.R. Williams and Miss V.J. Ryan
The engagement is announced between Kevin Robert, youngest son of Mrs Gwendolyn Williams and the late Mr Eric Williams, of London, and Victoria Jane, daughter of Mr Christopher Mobbs, of Orpington, and Mrs Anne Jenkins, of London.

School news

Davies Laing and Dick College
Davies Laing and Dick Sixth Form College are pleased to announce the following Leaving Scholarships:
Sebastian Dawson-Bowling to Magdalene College, Cambridge, for Medicine; Nicholas Garrett to UMIST for Business Management; David Lavallee to Durham for Geology and Geophysics; Akhilesh Patel to Imperial London for Electronic Engineering; Catherine Sanders to St Mary's London for Medicine.

Marriages

Dr K. McHugh and Dr A.G. Shefler
The marriage of Kieran McHugh, youngest son of the late Dr J.F. McHugh and Mrs C. McHugh, Claremorris, Co Mayo, Ireland, to Alison Shefler, eldest daughter of Mr D. Shefler and Mrs M. Shefler, Toronto, Canada, took place in Oxford on Friday, August 20.

Mr Finian Kelly was best man.

Flight Lieutenant S.E. Reeves, RAF, and Miss M.L. Cheal
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 7, at St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, Kent, of Flight Lieutenant Stephen Reeves, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.C. Reeves, of Kilndown, to Miss Michelle Cheal, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Cheal, of Cranbrook. The Rev Stephen Barker officated.

The bride, who as given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nicola Godwin, Naomi Bedford, Alexandra Poulton and Karl Poulton. Mr Stuart Reeves was best man.

The reception was held at Lamberhurst Vineyard and the honeymoon spent in Crete.

Professor N.J. Young and Dr Z.A. Lykova
The marriage has taken place in Lancaster between Nicholas John Young and Zinaida Alexandrovna Lykova.

Writer's childhood home is spared

Walton House, Dame Barbara Cartland's home in her early years, has been saved from demolition.

The house near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, was to have made way for a housing estate until English Heritage listed the building.

The novelist said: "It's wonderful news. I know big houses are rather tiresome these days because people are hard up and can't afford to run them. But they have a grace and charm of their own." The house had belonged to her grandfather, General Sir John Scovell.

In recent years it was used by Gloucestershire County Council as a home for people with learning difficulties and as a social services centre until it was deemed surplus to requirements.

Appointment

James Miller, headmaster of Framlingham College, Suffolk, is to become headmaster of the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne next August.



The Scottish hiker Ffyona Campbell, who plans to become the first woman to walk the length of Africa, compares notes with a Russian cyclist she met heading in the opposite direction (Ali Bouzerda of Reuters writes from Rabat).

Vladislav Ketov, who has been stranded in Morocco for two months waiting for a visa for Mauritania, told her he was more scared of bureaucrats than wild animals. Miss Campbell, 26, who hailed the meeting as a marvellous coincidence, left Cape Town in April 1991. She plans to fly home from Tangier early next week. Hiking 30 miles a day, she has travelled 10,000 miles. Mr Ketov, 44, left St Petersburg two years ago to *cycle 125,000 miles along the world's* coastline in 100 months.

Miss Campbell's trek has not been without danger: Moroccan authorities have given her a police escort after she fought off a rape attempt earlier this week. "It was a difficult struggle with a young beach bum who tried to rape me," she said. After resting at the residence of the British ambassador in Rabat, she plans to continue her walk today.

Eventually Miss Campbell aims to trek round the world. Starting at the age of 16, she has already walked through Europe, America and Australia. "Many men have walked around the world but no woman ever has. I have already walked 17,500 miles, some 3,125 miles more than the record distance," she said.

Now she is pondering her future. "I will write a book about my experiences in Africa and I have been promised a television presentation job," she said. She has so far written a book on her Australian trip. After Africa, only Asia waits to be conquered.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet and dramatist, Frankfurt am Main, 1749; Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, novelist, Dublin, 1814; Sir Edward Burne-Jones, painter, Birmingham, 1833; Karl Böhm, conductor, Graz, 1894; Charles Boyer, actor, France, 1899; Sir John Betjeman, poet laureate 1972-84, London, 1906.

DEATHS: St Augustine of Hippo, Hippo (Annaba, *Algeria*), 430; John Leyden, poet, Cornelius, Djakarta, 1811; Prince William of Gloucester, killed in an air crash, Halfpenny Green Airport, near Wolverhampton, 1972; John Huston, film director, Newport, Rhode Island, 1987.

More than 200,000 black people demonstrated for civil rights in Washington, 1963.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: John Locke, philosopher, Wrington, Somerset, 1632; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1809; John Leech, illustrator, London, 1817; Jean Ingres, painter, Montauban, France, 1870; Ingrid Bergman, actress, Stockholm, 1915; she died on this day, London, 1982.

DEATHS: Edmond Hoyle, the "father of whist", London, 1769; Joseph Wright, painter, Derby, 1797; Sir Charles Napier, general, Portsmouth, 1853; Brigham Young, 2nd President of the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1877; the Rev William Spooner, scholar and begetter of "spoonerisms", 1930; Cesare Pavese, novelist, Turin, 1950; Eamon De Valera, President of the Irish Republic 1959-73, Dublin, 1975; Lee Marvin, actor, Tucson, Arizona, 1987; Sir Peter Scott, naturalist and painter, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, 1989.

HMS *Royal George* sank off *Spithead with the* loss of over 900 lives, 1782.

The first motorcycle was patented by Gottlieb Daimler, Germany, 1885.

Church services tomorrow

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Mass for All Saints (Aston), Ave Maria (Franck), Rt Rev W Ind; 3.15 E, Responses (Statham), Brewer in D, I was glad (Parry), Rt Rev R J C Chartres; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev Dr C A Lewis.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch for Carlisle Festival, Es ist ein Ros (Brahms), Schubert in B flat, Kyrie and Creed sung, Prelude & Fugue in G minor (Brahms), Canon David Jenkins; 3 E said; 6.30 MP, Mrs Joan Barham.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP, 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Rev Jacqui Jones; 11.15 Euch, *Ordinary* (Merbecke), *Canon P Brett;* 6 E, Responses (Said), The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany in St Erasmus Chapel; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Responses (Rose), Ireland in F, Canon Christopher Biddell; 11.30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 3.30 Organ Recital, David Hill; 6.30 E, O nata lux (Tallis), Responses (Rose), Collegium Regale (Howells), I saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev B E Lee.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP, Gethsemane Chapel; 8 Communion; 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Byrd a 3 (Kyrie), In God's words I will rejoice (Purcell), Mrs Margaret Sedgwick; 5.30 E, Purge me O God (Tallis), Responses (Ayleward), Fauxbourdons (Morley), Lord let me know mine end (Greene).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, *Stanford in B flat, Wash me* throughly (Wesley), Canon Coppin; 11.30 HC, The Hereford Service (Lloyd), O food of men wayfaring (Lloyd), Canon Perry; 3.30 E, Bairstow in D, Blessed city, Heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, Gloria (Shaw), Of the glorious body telling (Vittoria), The Dean; 3.45 E, Preces (Wishart-Hodgson), Harwood in A flat, *Blessed be God and Father* (Wesley).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Mozart in F, Jesu the very thought of thee (Bairstow), The Treasurer; 4 EP.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Leighton in D, A Litany (Walton), The Subdean; 11.15 M, Responses (Byrd), Stanford in B flat, O Lord make thy servant (Byrd); 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Responses (Atkinson), Almighty and Everlasting God (Gibbons), Murrill in E, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Canon Dr John Nurser.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Jubilate (Walton), Super flumina (Palestrina), Preb Arthur Williams; 3.30 E, Responses (Lloyd), Collegium Regale (Wood), Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8, 12.15 Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 9 Parish Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Blessed Word of God incarnate (De Pearsall), O sacred banquet (Harwood), Rev M J Short; 3.30 Choral E, Noble in B minor, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Rev J F Redvers Harris.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Manchester Service for Congregation (Beer), Canon Bruce Duncan; 3.30 E.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Librarian; 10 S Euch, The Librarian; 6 E, The Dean.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Darke in A minor, Ave verum (Elgar), Rev G O Farran; 11.30 M, Responses (Radcliffe), *Collegium* Regale (Howells), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell); 3 E, Stanford in A, I was glad (Parry), Rev S R Cutt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Rawsthorne), Britten in C, Praise (Dyson), Canon Anthony Harvey; 11.15 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Justorum animae (Stanford), O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Canon Paul Bates; 3 E, Stanford in C, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), Fr Anthony Meredith SJ; *5.45* Organ Recital, Meirion Wynn Jones; 6.30 ES, Canon Colin Semper.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 SM; 10 MP; 2.30 Organ Recital, Peter Barley; 3.30 V & B, Sung in English.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Missa St Joannis De Deo (Haydn), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Rev Leon Carberry; 11.30 M, Responses (Rose), Ley in C minor; 4 E, Responses (Spicer), Collegium Regale (Howells), Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Canon Terence G Grigg.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 Holy Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, Jesu the very thought of thee (Wood), The Dean; 3.30 Choral E, Wood in D, Responses (Smallman), Christ whose glory fills the skies (Darke).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Family), 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Fr R Avenatti.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, Rev Dr J Philip Newell; 10 HC, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), The Minister; 11.30 MS, I was glad (Parry), The Minister; 6 St Giles at 6, Falkirk Festival Chorus; 8 HC Evening Service, The Minister.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Responses (Sumsion); 10.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Rev Robert Marshall; 11.30 HC, Stanford in B flat, O for a closer walk with God (Stanford); 3.15 E, The Service for Trebles (Weelkes), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Rev Michael Saward.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Behold the tabernacle of God (Harris), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Stanford in C, Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure).

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Lloyd Webber in E minor, Faire is the heaven (Harris), The Vicar; 6 E & B, The Short Service (Gibbons), Set me as a seal (Walton), Rev C L Geake.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 Communion Service; 11 Rev Christopher Hobbs; 6.30 Rev Stephen Wookey.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, *W1: 11 Missa Petre ego pro te rogavi* (Lobo), O praise the Lord (Batten), Tantum ergo (Vittoria).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 M, Rev P Elvy, Voluntary in G (Blow); 12.15 HC; 6 E, Rev P Elvy, Verse in D minor.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev Roger Dean.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, *12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.*

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Miss Merlyn Wilson; 11, 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Richard Thorpe.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in G (Schubert), Benedixisti Domine (Gabrieli), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Ave verum (Dupre).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: *9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.*

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr Barbara Melaas.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, The Rector; 6.30 E, The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Short Service (Weelkes), Whitlock in G, Locus iste (Bruckner), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Radcliffe), Watson in E, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Stanford in C, Prevent us O Lord (Byrd), Rev G B McAvoy.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev John H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev Eleanor J McMahon.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Plainsong Mass.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Casciolini), A prayer of St Richard (White), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: Services resume September 6.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, Ave verum (Elgar), Rev Michael Fuller; 6.30 EP.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Merbecke, Rev Joe Humble.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M, Responses (Tomkins), Jubilate (Boyce in C), O God thou art my God (Purcell), Canon Donald Gray; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), The King of love my Shepherd is (Bairstow), O Lord my God (Wesley), Fugue in G minor (Bach), Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Drop, drop slow tears (Leighton), Responses (Byrd), Brother James' Air (arr Jacob), Rev John Pridmore; 2.45 *Chinese Service, Rev Dr Joyce* Bennett; 5 E, Responses (Smith), Walmisley in D minor, Give ear unto me (Marcello), Rhapsody III (Howells); 6.30 ES, Rev Bernhard Schunemann.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa le bien que j'ai (Goudimel), Fr Gordon Reid; 6 E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, The Vicar; 6 EP, Prayer & Meditation.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass (Merbecke), Rev Ian Brown.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev Henry Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ego sum panis vivus (Palestrina), Rev Fr Ashley Buck.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Messe ohne Gloria und Credo (Bruckner), O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen), Ave Maria (Elgar), Canon Christopher Colven; 6 E & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: Services resume September 5.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: Services resume October 3.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: Choral services resume September 12. Holy Communion will continue on Sundays at 8.30am.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Fr Christopher Lowe.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, *WC2: Services resume October.*

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: Full Services resume October.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Hear my Prayer O Lord (Purcell), Doubt not thy Father's care (Elgar), Rev K R Joyce, Entry of the Boyards (Halvorsen), The Life Guards; 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: Services resume September 12.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: The Duke of Argyll, 56; Sir Kenneth Berrill, economist, 73; the Right Rev J.F.E. Bone, Bishop of Reading, 63; Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, former High Court judge, 84; Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, former *chairman, Police Complaints Au*thority, 74; Lord Cudlipp, 80; Professor Wendy Davies, historian, 51; Sir Rupert Hart-Davis, author and publisher, 86; Sir Godfrey Hounsfield, inventor of EMI-scanner, 74; Mr Emlyn Hughes, footballer, 46; General Sir William Jackson, 76; Sir John Kingman, vice-chancellor, Bristol University, 54; Dr Joseph Luns, former secretary-general, Nato, 82; Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, 72; Miss Jo Richardson, MP, 70; Sir Thomas Scrivenor, former colonial officer, 85; Mr John Shirley-Quirk, bass-baritone, 62; Sir Peter Thornton, civil servant, 76; Dr Roger Williams, hepatologist, 62.

TOMORROW: Lord Attenborough, 70; Professor L. Barden, vice-chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 62; Mrs Dorothy Carter, energy consultant, 65; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild and Sons, 62; Viscount Devonport, 49; Alderman Dame Mary Donaldson, former Lord Mayor of London, 72; Sir Nigel Foulkes, former chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 74; Mr Elliott Gould, actor, 55; Professor Denys Hay, historian, 78; Mr Lenny Henry, comedian, 35; Mr Jack Hillier, writer and expert on Japanese art, 81; Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman, Board of Governors, BBC, 70; Mr Michael Jackson, singer, 35; Lord King of Wartnaby, 75; Mr J.H.M. Mackenzie, former chairman, London and Northern Group, 68; Mr Tony Newton, MP, 56; Mr Norman Platt, founder, Kent Opera, 73.



Imogen Cooper, the pianist, is 44 today

Latest wills

Lt General Sir Edward Ian Cland **Jacob**, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, BBC Director-General, 1952-60, left estate valued at £269,027 net.

He left £1,000 each to St Mary's Church, Woodbridge, for the fabric, and the British Red Cross Society, Woodbridge Division, and £250 to the Army Benevolent Fund.

Lady Nancy **Hobson**, of Chichester, West Sussex, formerly of Aldingbourne, left estate valued at £126,509 net.

She left her effects and 22.5 per cent of the residue to personal legatees, and 38.7 per cent of the residue each to St Hugh's College, Oxford, and Oriel College, Oxford.

Sir Peter Christopher **Allen**, of Battle, East Sussex, chairman of ICI 1968-71, left estate valued at £765,179 net.

Rosemary **Newbald** of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, left estate valued at £1,550,224 net.

She left £30,000 and 2/3rds of the residue to personal legatees, and 1/6th each to the Salvation Army and Save the Children.

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Acts of the Apostles 7 : 48,49

BIRTHS

AMES - On August 16th at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Renshaw) and Christopher, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth, a sister for Caroline.

AYTON - On August 20th, to Annoushka (née Ducas) and John, a daughter, Marina Isobel Provatoroff.

BEARN - On August 4th, to Virginia (née Carroll) and Philip, a son, Nicholas Edward, a brother for Charlotte and Lucy.

GERRARD - On August 26th, to Lise and Stephen, a son, Noah James.

GIBSON - On August 23rd 1993 in Perth, to Fred and Harriet (née Parker-Jervis), a daughter, Rosie Alice.

HATTORI - On August 20th at the Wellington Hospital, to Hitomi (née Wakita) and Seikou, a beautiful baby girl, Enna.

HEALY - On August 26th, to Louise (née Preston-Jones) and Graham, a daughter, Isabel Charlotte.

HODGE - On 15th August, to Leonie (née Drummond) and Alasdair, a daughter, Anastasia Emily, a sister to Georgina.

HOOK - On 19th August at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Angela (née Higgins) and Ian, a daughter, Roberta Darcey.

LYNCH - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Niamh and Vincent, a beautiful baby girl, Ciara. Thanks to Martha.

MASTERMAN - See Olver.

MEDD - On 23rd August, to Philippa and Nicholas, a son, Alexander Peter, a brother for Camilla.

NAYLOR - On 26th August, to Katie and Jack, a daughter, Saskia Jemima.

OLVER - On August 18th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Victoria (née Masterman) and Richard, a daughter, Catherine Ann.

PILLER - On August 21st, to Jenni (née Fisk) and Richard, a daughter, Sophie Victoria Clare.

PORTER - On August 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Mark and Ashley, a beautiful daughter, Jourdana, a sister to Maddelena.

TAVENER - On August 26th, to Maryanna (née Schaefer) and John, a daughter, Theodora Natalia.

ZYGMUNT - On August 10th in Umea, Sweden, to Tia Juana (née Delgado) and Stefan Carol, a son, Henrik, a brother for Johanna.

DEATHS

BEDFORD - On August 26th 1993, peacefully at home, Geoffrey Francis aged 87 years. Beloved husband of the late Freda, dearest father of Anne, grandfather of Charles, Fiona and Joanna, great-grandfather of Hannah. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Thursday September 2nd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. If desired donations made payable to the British Deaf Association c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

CAPEL - On 27th August, suddenly at LantegIos by Fowey, Cornwall, Captain William Terence (Bill) Capel, late 11th Hussars (PAO), husband of Petronella, father of Anthony, Christopher, Georgina and Rosalind and grandfather of Ellen and James. Private family funeral.

GRAHAM - Persephone Jane Hannah Gough (née Breaks). On August 26th at Trinity Hospice, Clapham, after a brave fight against cancer. A wonderful giving person, greatly loved by her husband Ernest, stepdaughters Miranda and Sarah, and all her many relatives and friends. Funeral Service at Croydon Crematorium Friday September 3rd at 1 pm.

HASLAM - On August 25th 1993 peacefully at Brook House, Morda, Oswestry, Helena Mary (née Cottrell-Dormer) aged 95 years. Dear mother of Nigel, Rosemary and Richard. Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Thursday September 2nd at 4 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to Oxfam c/o David Davies, 1 Upper Church Street, Oswestry, Shropshire, tel: (0691) 663116.

HAWKINS - On August 23rd in hospital at Dorchester, Norah, aged 82. Much loved wife of Group Captain Charles (Tiger) Hawkins and mother of Peter, David (AVM), Michael and Brian. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady, Marnhull, Dorset, at 1.45 pm September 2nd followed by a private cremation at Yeovil. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Pl., London W1N 4AR.

LORIMER - On August 25th 1993, suddenly at Findon, Bryan Alexander (Alec) aged 68 years. Will be very sadly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral Service on Monday September 6th at St John the Baptist Church, Findon, at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations, if wished, to R.N.L.I. c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, W.Sx. tel: (0903) 234516.

Mac GINNIS - Francis Robert CMG. Private funeral at Farm Street W1 on Thursday 2nd September. Memorial Service to be arranged. Family flowers only, donations to King Edward VII Hospital. Enquiries to Pickard & Beale, (0622) 677156.

MARX - On 26th August, Kurt, dear, dear husband of Oovie and the late Mary, loving father of Michael and Jonathan, super grandfather, stepfather of Philip Davies. Funeral has taken place.

PANCKRIDGE - Geoffrey Panckridge on 26th August at home aged 77 after a bravely fought illness, beloved husband of Anne and uncle of Bill, Michael and Sally. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium, near Dover, on *Thursday 2nd September at 11.30 am.*

PATERNÒ CASTELLO DUCA di CARCACI - Gaetano, on August 22nd, after a long, brave, fight against cancer. Beloved father of Alexander and *Diana* and brother of Ferrante. He will be deeply missed by us all and his friends.

PRINCE - On August 26th at Chartwell Nursing Home, Midhurst, Myrtle Allegra (née de Pass), aged 96. Widow of Gerald Prince, beloved mother of Phoebe, Myrtle and the late John. Grandmother of Tom, Becky, Sophia, Gillian, Christopher, Rosemary, Jonathan, Giles, Emma and the late Tim. Great-grandmother of William, Phoebe, Louise, Harriet, Ellie and Alice. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday 2nd September at 3 pm.

SMITH - Peacefully after a short illness on 24th August 1993, Paul Smith M.A. F.I.A. Beloved husband of Mary, very dear father of Rosalind, Jonathan, father-in-law of Alison and Nigel and much loved grandpa of Alexandra, Olivia, Laurel, Susanna, Bryony, Jasmine, Clara and Rowan. Special thanks to the staff of the Nuffield Hospital at Enfield. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at The United Reform Church, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill, N10, on Friday 3rd September at 4.15 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Christian Aid, N.S.P.C.C. or R.S.P.C.A.

STINCHCOMBE - Kathleen (Kay) on 23rd August at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, dear wife of Owen and mother of David. Private cremation at Cheltenham on 2nd September. A Memorial Service will be held at Woolstone Church, Cheltenham, on Wednesday 8th September at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu would be welcomed by The Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o Selim Smith & Co., Cheltenham 525383.

TRITTON - On Wednesday 25th August, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Veronica Mary (née Pearson) of Parham Park, Sussex. A thanksgiving service will be held at 3.30 pm on Friday 3rd September at St Mary's, Storrington.

VAILLANT - Charles Mathurin (Dr.) T.D. F.R.C.P. on August 24th 1993. Will be sadly missed by his wife, children, family and friends. A short service at Springwood Crematorium, Liverpool, at 10 am on September 2nd 1993. Family flowers only.

WATERS - On August 13th 1993 in hospital, William John aged 82 years, of Branksome Park, Bournemouth. Enquiries G Scott *(F/D), tel: (0202) 398827.*

WILLIAMS - Rob, on 27th August, peacefully at home, aged 72. Funeral Wednesday 1st September at 11 am at Werrington Church. Family only. No flowers but donations to Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6RR.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

MORTON - Andrew 1969 - 1979. Darling boy - so loved and missed by us all. "For I in your heart had dwelling and thou hast in mine".

NORMAN - In memory of our son Kerry Lionel Patrick who died 28th August 1962 aged 21 always remembered Peter and Patricia Norman.

MARRIAGES

JOHNSON:CONDIE - In Glasgow on August 24th, Iain, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Johnson of Holt, Wiltshire, to Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Condie of Strathaven, Lanarkshire.

SCHUSTER BRUCE:BROWN - *On August 21st 1993 at* Trinity College, Oxford, Martin, youngest son of Major and Mrs L.A.C. Schuster Bruce, to Helen, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs M.C. Brown.

STRICKLAND:BARKER - The marriage took place on 21st August in Coventry, of Nigel, son of Mr & Mrs Alex Strickland and Sarah, daughter of Mr & Mrs Martin Barker.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

BARTLETT:BRETT - Lilian and Eric on 29th August 1953 at St Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich.

OTTREY:COULSON - Steve to Julia 29/8/53, Garrison Church, Shoebury. Now on the Isles of Scilly. Best Wishes - "the best man".

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MAJOR:BEARDMORE - Married 28th August 1943, at Byfleet. Congratulations from Richard and Christopher.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WHITE - Rennie and Anne wish to thank all friends and colleagues of their dear son Brian for the flowers and cards and attending the funeral on 20th August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

DERRICK RILEY

Derrick Riley, DFC, aerial archaeologist, died on August 22 of cancer aged 78. He was born on August 15, 1915.

AERIAL archaeology has been said to demand a smattering of knowledge in several disciplines and, therefore, to be an especially appropriate branch of the science for amateurs to pursue. In one sense, Derrick Riley was the proof of that. He came to aerial archaeology through his time as a bomber pilot during the second world war and made himself a leading amateur archaeologist — though the word amateur carries unfortunate pejorative overtones, and there was nothing second-rate, inferior or "amateurish" about Derrick Riley. He was one of Britain's foremost aerial archaeologists whose achievements were all the more remarkable because they were mostly carried out after his retirement, when he acquired a world-wide reputation.

Riley had, in fact, three distinct careers — as a bomber pilot in the war, then in the steel industry in Sheffield, and finally as an archaeologist.

Derrick Riley was born at Matlock, Derbyshire. He was brought up in Norfolk and educated at King's School, Ely, and Haileybury College. But on leaving school in 1932, he joined the United Steel Co in Scunthorpe as a management trainee. He soon began his archaeological career with fieldwork at Risley Warren, the results of which were later published in three postwar papers.

When war came in 1939 Riley joined the RAFVR. He served in Bomber Command, flying successively Whitleys, Wellingtons and Mosquitoes. He did two tours of duty as a pilot, was mentioned in dispatches and was awarded the DFC for a daring bombing raid on the Kiel Canal in a Mosquito.

The war was also decisive on the direction taken by his archaeological career. After he had done his tours of duty Riley was put on to training pilots at Stanton Harcourt, near Oxford. This involved going up and down, round and round, the same old routine, with ample opportunity to observe the ground beneath him. Here he could not fail to observe the cropmarks, the traces of prehistoric fields, and he wrote what was to become one of the classic papers of aerial archaeology. It pointed out that there were two different types of cropmark, those where the crop is lighter because there is a wall underneath, and those where the crop grows more lushly over a buried ditch. While in the Oxford area, he visited the excavations of the Oxford University Archaeological Society at Cassington where he fell in love with the excavation secretary, Marjorie, and married her in 1943.



Riley, centre, with ex-RAVR colleague, James Pickering, left, and ex-Luftwaffe pilot, Otto Braasch

After the war, he dallied briefly with the idea of joining the Ministry of Works as an Inspector of Ancient Monuments, but he had a young family to support, so he returned to the United Steel Co at Sheffield, and from 1947 to 1975 he was manager of three production departments at the Samuel Fox works at Stocksbridge. Meanwhile his archaeology continued on the moors around Sheffield with the excavation of a Bronze Age barrow on Beeley Moor between 1960 and 1962. A second barrow, on Ramsley Moor, was excavated in 1964.

From 1970 Riley took up aerial archaeology and in 1975 he took out a private pilot's licence. In 1977 at the age of 62 he took early retirement from what was, by then, British Steel, to devote himself full time to archaeology.

His main work at first was in the area to the south of Sheffield. This is not a particularly fertile area, being over the Bunter sandstones, so cropmarks were not to be expected in the same profusion as in gravels of the river valleys around Oxford. But cropmarks there were, and in particular Riley soon began to notice what he called a brickwork pattern. This was not easy to observe. Cropmarks on light soils like this cannot be seen every day: sometimes they may only be visible at particularly favourable times. Some may only appear once every five years, and patience and skill are needed to know when the atmospheric conditions are likely to produce good cropmarks, and then to be up there, ready to observe and photograph them. Riley would then transcribe the results to his meticulous maps.

The meaning of the brickwork pattern remains uncertain. Presumably it is Romano-British and appears to be the evidence for large-scale ranching by big landowners, perhaps even an imperial estate. But as Riley himself wrote: "The subject has to be passed to archaeologists working on *terra firma*: could one say that they will have a 'flying start'?" His work won the BBC Chronicle Award for 1980 and was the subject of a major book *Early Landsapes from the Air* (1981).

More books soon followed. In 1982 there was *Aerial Archaeology in Britain* for Shire Publications, then in 1984 he edited *Discovery from the Air from the notes of the late Major G. W. G. Allen*. But his *magnum opus* was *Air Photography and Archaeology*, a magisterial account of aerial archaeology, part practical, part interpretation, published by Duckworth in 1987.

Meanwhile, wider horizons beckoned, and his next book *Rome's Desert Frontier from the Air* (written with David Kennedy) took him to the other end of the Roman empire in the deserts of the Near East. Unfortunately aerial photography is not possible in these countries today, but he studied and re-interpreted the pre-war photos of Father Poidebard and Sir Aurel Stein and revealed something of the desert fortresses that defended Rome's empire to the east, together with their accompanying water supplies and the huge dams.

More recently he had turned to flying in Israel, and together with Professors Mordecai Gichon and Ben Isaac he had been studying some of the remains of the Roman and Byzantine period. His latest book on this with Professor Ben Isaac had reached a critical stage but will sadly be published posthumously. His last flight was in Germany, where he joined up with his old colleague Jim Pickering (ex-RAFVR) and with an ex-Luftwaffe pilot Otto Braasch.

Riley was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1959 and only last year was elected to its council. He was both secretary and chairman of the Hunter Archaeological Society and faithfully served many societies and committees both on aerial archaeology in the Yorkshire area. A collection of essays, *Into the Sun*, was published as a *Festschrift* in his honour. But his most long-standing association was with Sheffield University, where Keith Branigan, Professor of Archaeology, appointed him an honorary lecturer in archaeology. This was followed by the award to him of an honorary doctorate.

Riley was fortunate in that he always looked younger than his years and he maintained a youthful vigour even when at the age of 75 he confessed that he had had to renounce his pilot's licence as he did not think he would pass the medical. He was a fascinating mixture of caution and exuberance, with the fun and daring of the explorer glinting out from behind the intellectual modesty.

Derrick Riley enjoyed a very happy marriage with his wife Marjorie who survives him with their two children.

SILVANO TROMPETTO

Silvano Trompetto, MBE, head chef at the Savoy, 1965-80, died on August 25 aged 73. He was born in Lambeth on February 18, 1920.

ONE of the last of the great chefs and the first British chef to be appointed MBE, Silvano Trompetto disproved in his lifetime the myth that French chefs were the best in the world.

With his dark, Italian looks and neat moustache, Trompetto, known as "Tromps", resembled a Vatican grandee. Always spotlessly turned out in the traditional uniform of his calling — a white tunic and cravat, topped off with a long chef's hat — his gastronomic style at the Savoy tended to the classic French. A typical light lunch might consist of *Truite Saumonée Meunière aux Tête d'Asperges*; *Poulet Crême d l'Estragon*, *Pommes Amandines*, *Haricots Verts*; *Fraises au Vin*, washed down with a bottle of the fine white burgundy, Le Montrachet.

Clients in his restaurant had a choice of over 100 items on the lunch or dinner menu, which changed daily, but could still, if they wished order something off-the-cuff and Trompetto was usually happy to cook it, even if this meant sending out a page to buy the ingredients. On the busiest days, the kitchens would turn out 4,000 dishes.

As mastermind of this huge operation, Trompetto liked to think of himself as part artist, part businessman and was given to comparing himself with Picasso, who, he said, was also an excellent businessman. In any week at the Savoy, Trompetto would order up to 2,800 pounds of sirloin steak and 1,000 chickens.

"Buy the best and you need less labour to make it good" was his rule here. He would allow nothing frozen into the kitchens (apart from the sorbets and ice creams) and fresh vegetables were flown in daily from France. Responsible for 100 staff, Trompetto reigned supreme in the kitchens. Even the management needed an appointment before entering.

Trompetto put in a 70-hour week, but would never dream of skipping lunch. Every day he could be found trying out new recipes in his private office. On the subject of these, he was philosophical: "The sadness is that whatever you make will be devoured in two minutes. I would rather be Michelangelo."

With one of the most refined palates in the business, he was nevertheless always ready to learn from ethnic and peasant cooking, the principles of which he sometimes introduced into his dishes. He was an expert on Russian food, abhorred curries, unless he cooked them himself, and loved Chinese food, cabbage and caviare.

Born in London to Italian parents, Trompetto was educated at the Roman Catholic Salesian College in Battersea. He had a serious childhood accident at the age of four and spent the next eight years undergoing 19 operations on his nose (he was one of the first guinea pigs for the new science of plastic surgery under the care of Sir Harold Gillies).

Fortunately Trompetto emerged from these with his sense of smell intact. He began cooking at the the age of 16 at Oddenino's in London, and went on to train under some of the best in the country. By 1939 he had joined the Dorchester as acting *sous-chef* where he cooked for many of the top military personnel (he was rejected for military service on health grounds). After the war he joined the staff of the Grand Hotel, Brighton (taken over by the RAF in wartime), when it reopened its doors to the public in October 1946.

After a spell as chef and director of the Albany Club in Savile Row — a club frequented by celebrities such as Lauren Bacall and Frank Sinatra — he joined the Savoy as first *sous-chef* in the restaurant in 1954. In 1962 he became head chef of the Savoy Grill (which had a separate kitchen from the restaurant) and in 1965 became *Maître Chef de Cuisines* in charge of the restaurant, banqueting and private rooms.

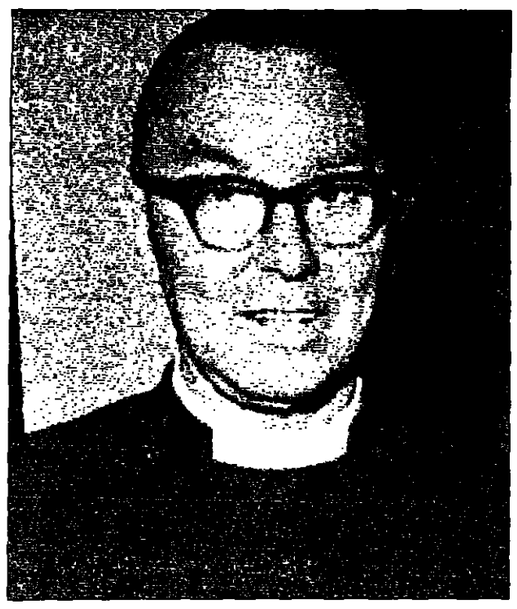
Trompetto's fame quickly spread. Pope Paul VI summoned him to the Vatican for a special audience in 1973 (as the first Italian head chef of the Savoy) and in 1974 he was appointed MBE for services to catering.

Had he wanted to — and he sometimes talked about it — Trompetto could have written some very readable memoirs. He played host at private banquets for the royal family, prime ministers, and visiting celebrities such as Noël Coward. On his retirement in 1982, his employer and chairman of the Savoy, the late Sir Hugh Wontner, went even further: "He could have been a headmaster with his understanding of the young; a public relations man with his flair for publicity; or even a diplomat with his powers of persuasion and charm."

Afterwards Trompetto was much in demand on television and radio programmes, and as a food consultant. Away from the kitchen, he enjoyed opera, ballet and driving fast cars.

He married his French wife, Adrienne, in 1942. She survives him, together with their son.

THE RIGHT REV KENNETH SANSBURY



The Right Rev Kenneth Sansbury, former Bishop of Singapore and General Secretary of the British Council of Churches, died on August 25 aged 88. He was born on January 21, 1905.

KENNETH Sansbury was an Anglican leader with exceptional experience, ability, tolerance and determination. With his wife Ethelreda (it was always "Kenneth and Ethelreda") he served the Church in London, Tokyo, Canada, Lincoln, Canterbury, Singapore and, finally, again in London. He worked loyally both with Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher and Archbishop Michael Ramsey, always imperturbable and in a crisis achieving an almost Oriental calm. If his level voice could occasionally make his message sound like stating the obvious, his chosen themes — such as the importance of Southeast Asia and especially Japan — are now seen to have been very perceptive.

Cyril Kenneth Sansbury was educated at St Paul's School and at Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he first read classics and then theology. After taking a first in both parts of the theological tripos, he served as a curate in Dulwich and Wimbledon before volunteering to go as a missionary to Japan. He soon became a professor at the tiny theological college in Tokyo and, later, chaplain to the embassy. He was evacuated with his wife and family to Canada after Pearl Harbor, served as a chaplain to the Royal Canadian Air Force and in 1945 was appointed Warden of Lincoln Theological College.

At Lincoln he and Ethelreda re-established the college. He welcomed ordinands from the forces, many of whom had decided during their war service to be ordained and looked forward to a renewed Church of England in a changed England. Sansbury had to deal with their disappointments and remained a source of spiritual encouragement to them throughout their ministries.

He came to be trusted by Archbishop Fisher whose plans for the Anglican communion as the British Empire was dismantled required allies who could relieve the archbishop of some of the work. Sansbury was brought to St Augustine's College, Canterbury, and given the task of retraining clergy from overseas to prepare for future responsibility in the Anglican Communion. In Fisher's words Sansbury had "a feeling for people of other national backgrounds" and Ethelreda was a warm and perceptive host to the visiting families, a difficult task as St Augustine's — a kind of military staff college in Fisher's mind — was always beset by financial problems.

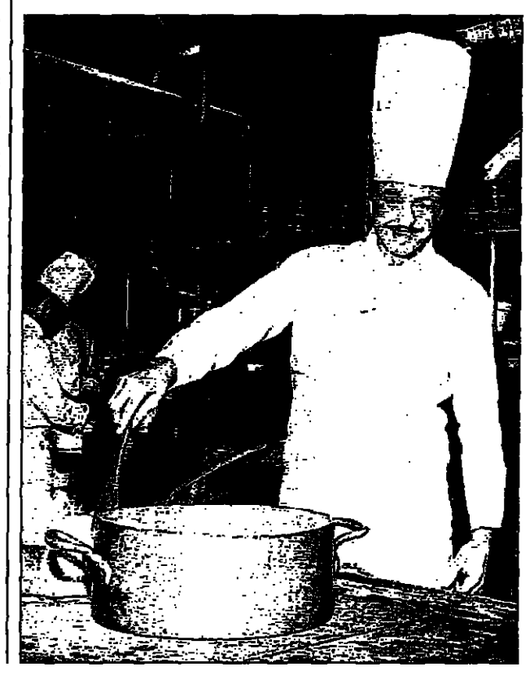
In 1959 Sansbury accompanied the archbishop to Pakistan and the Far East and two years later was asked to become Bishop of Singapore, even though there was already a native born assistant bishop, Roland Koh. In this complex situation, with rising nationalism and anti-colonial feeling, it was difficult for any Englishman to be an effective leader and a pastor to the Chinese and Malayan communities. Archbishop Fisher had failed to recognise the speed of change but Kenneth and Ethelreda Sansbury showed great pastoral and psychological skill in the five years of their time in Singapore. He was the last English bishop in Singapore and Malaysia and was glad to hand over to indigenous clergy. Sansbury was tact itself in working with Bishop Koh and received the warmest of welcomes when he was invited to revisit his former diocese in 1979.

When he came back from Singapore the British Council of Churches needed a new secretary at a critical moment in its history — the Anglican/Methodist reunion scheme. So in 1966 Bishop Sansbury was appointed but, despite the eloquent pleas of Archbishop Ramsey and the careful arguments of Sansbury's own book *Truth, Unity and Concord* (1967), the goal was beyond them. Even between them they lacked the campaigning fervour and energetic panache to make an appeal to ordinary church members. (As general secretary Sansbury never commanded the communicator's gifts of his predecessor, Dr *Kenneth Slack*.)

On retirement in 1973 Kenneth and Ethelreda were given a house by Norwich Cathedral and the care of the 130 people who compose the congregation of St Mary in the Marsh. Their generosity of attitude was immediately noticed on their deciding to share their garden with a lively young family next door and not putting up a fence. One of their churchwardens put it like this: "They were a shaft of sunshine in the close."

Genuinely interested in other people, their impish sense of humour gave a special delight to their neighbours. St Luke's chapel in the cathedral, where their congregation worshipped monthly, was quietly re-ordered. The Norwich Council of Churches benefited from Kenneth's worldwide experience of ecumenicism. He always valued lay members of the Church and distrusted closed, clerical groups.

Kenneth Sansbury is survived by his wife Ethelreda and by one son and two daughters.



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Pope John Paul will continue policy of reforms

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Aug 27

A dubious, heavy and humid sky looked down this morning on Pope John Paul I as he told the huge crowds in St Peter's Square with easy informality how he, too, was as surprised as anyone to find himself Pope.

His enthronement will take place next Sunday, and, whatever sort of Pontiff he makes, the former Cardinal Luciani, Patriarch until yesterday of Venice, now head of the Roman Church after one of the shortest and most astonishing elections in papal history, showed instinctive skill in two totally different ways.

He showed it in his formal speech stating his aims to the cardinal-electors assembled in the Sistine Chapel and, immediately afterwards in his impromptu words to the cross-section of humanity gathered beneath the huge façade of the basilica. He undoubtedly cleared the air following the perplexities felt last night after the news that the billowing smoke issuing from the stovepipe was in fact — whatever colour it might have looked in the luminous Rome sunset — white, showing a successful election. The surprise at the result was put in a different way by Cardinal Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, who said that the election was totally the work of the Holy Spirit. "It was an unexpected choice but once it happened it seemed totally right". The Archbishop added: "For my part, he was God's candidate".

Asked whether the personality of a prelate may change when he becomes elected Pope, he said: "There is always that dimension to the papacy which is not of this world". Summing up the new Pope, he said: "He is first of all a good human being, a humble man, essentially a spiritual man and concerned with people".

In his speech this morning to the Sacred College, Pope John Paul expressed his intention of continuing the work of the two predecessors, John XXIII and Paul VI. He went on: "We wish to continue in following up the legacy of the Second Vatican Council whose wise regulations have still to be led to their fulfilment being careful that a push, generous perhaps, but unduly timed, does not detract from the content and meaning of the council, and on the other hand being careful that timid efforts do not slow up the magnificent drive of renewal."

Cardinal Luciani was satisfactory to the conservatives for his rigidity on doctrine and his widely publicized difficulties in accepting the concept of plurality of religious rights. He was from the more progressive point of view, a believer in allowing the bishops a greater say, not by any means closed on such issues as birth control and — an element which met the demands of most shades of opinion — a man of long pastoral experience.

Next Sunday, the Pope will be "enthroned". There will not be a coronation. Cardinal Hume among others warmly welcomed this preference for a liturgical function instead of one which implies temporal power.

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In assuming the name of John Paul, the Pope indicated his intention to follow the policies of his two immediate predecessors, John XXIII and Paul VI. It was not to be; he died on September 30 after only 33 days in office.

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Doctors argue over diagnosis

■ Doctors and hospital chiefs were locked in conflict over how healthy people came to be treated for cancer eight years after consultants first suspected that their diagnostic service was unreliable.

As scores of worried patients called an emergency helpline, another consultant backed colleagues' claims that hospital managers knew about the problems much sooner than they now admit .....Page 1

Snipers allow casualties safe passage

■ Bosnian snipers rarely respect the neutrality of civilian casualties, but this time the guns did fall silent long enough to allow the convoy of two ambulances and four jeeps, carrying journalists, across Mostar's no-man's land.....Page 1

We were amused

Recently unearthed records from the pharmacy that supplied the royal family with medicines when they stayed at Balmoral, show that Queen Victoria and her guests were supplied with sizeable quantities of cocaine and heroin solutions ..... Page 1

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After Camden and Islington health authority ordered the University College Hospital group to treat only urgent cases for the next seven months, similar bans are imminent on other hospitals .....Page 2

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Two RAF servicewomen who were dismissed for being pregnant have taken their cases against the MoD to an industrial tribunal.....Page 5

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With the exception of Elizabeth Taylor, who flew out to join him in Bangkok, most of Michael Jackson's friends have fallen silent as the allegations of child sex abuse mount .....Page 3

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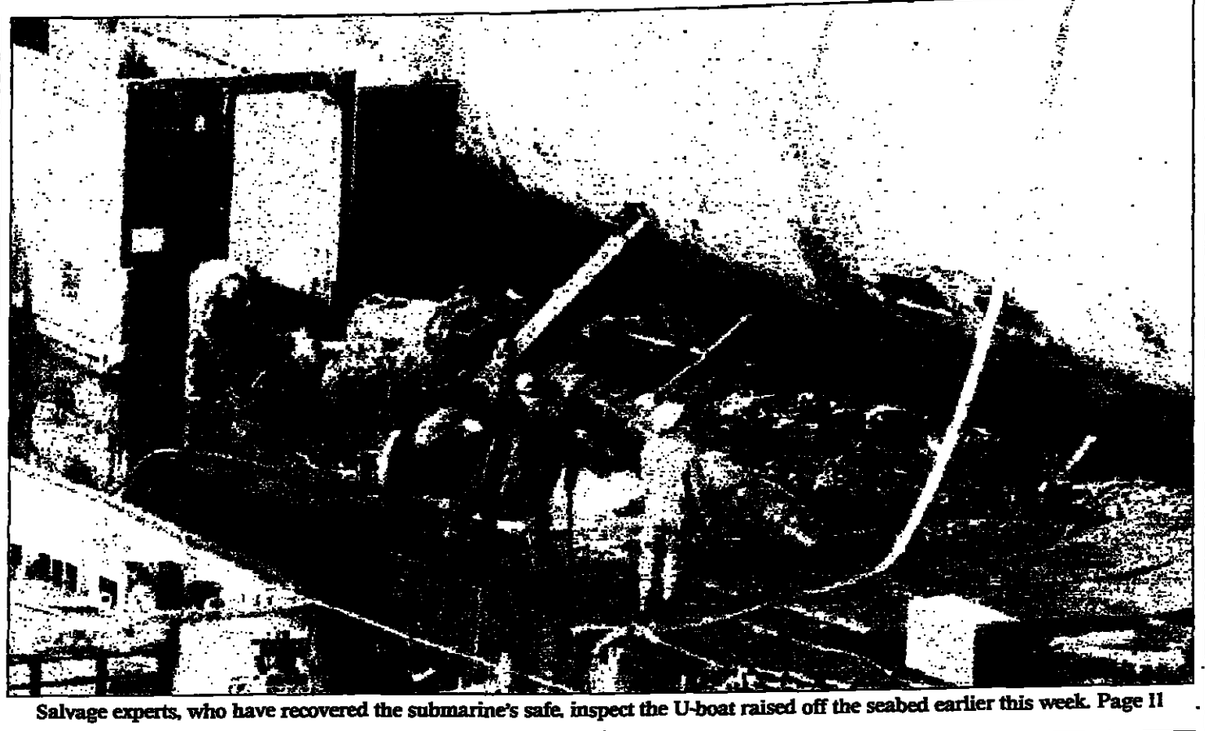
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The Middle East peace talks resume on Tuesday in an atmosphere of optimism fuelled by recent talks between Israeli officials and the PLO ..... Page 10

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■ An academic has been given a £16,000 grant to carry out a year-long study of drinking habits in Newcastle upon Tyne. Bob Holland, a social science lecturer at Newcastle University, will follow revellers on nights out in the city's Bigg Market, famous in the North East for its numerous pubs..... Page 5



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SIMON JENKINS

British cabinets are missing a trick Mussolini understood. Opinion polls may cite unemployment, education and health as the issues of the day. Enter the proverbial saloon bar and you will hear different list: graffiti, vandalism, delays on motorways..... Page 12

BEN MACINTYRE

America has sated itself on stories about Mike Tyson, Michael Jordan and Rodney King. And now there is Michael Jackson. All the stories were condemnatory and all the subjects were black..... Page 12

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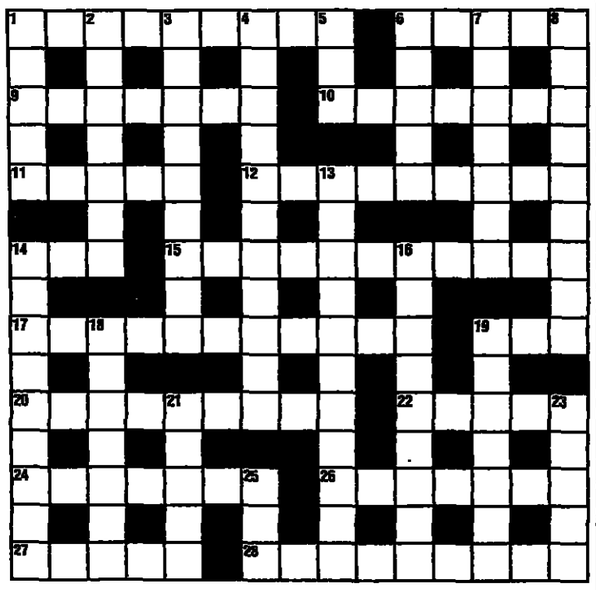
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,321

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ACROSS

1 Caution: about to handle ornamental scroll (9).
6 Pipes hands on to old vessel (5).
9 It's a sign of autumn when a creature loses its sting (7).
10 Potential for mixed marriage here? (7).
11 You can see where earless painter worked (5).
12 Newspaper ignoring popular subject (9).
14 Palpable success of *Hamlet* (3).
15 Edward's disaster — or Alfred's? (11).
17 Try the artillery and have tremendous success (2,5,4).
19 Dog-Latin — why? (3).
20 The season to invest, having reached maturity (6,3).
22 Plant has work to absorb forty-one (5).
24 Too old to be on time? (7).
26 Indict soldier for revolution in Scottish island (7).
27 Work for ten? No (5).
28 Likely to feel airless, the passages being so narrow (9).

DOWN

1 Envious rent-man? (5).
2 Small new addition to underground systems (7).
3 Mate with Black can be countered (9).
4 Doctor and Doctor — i.e. making a match (11).
5 Pope's human sin (3).
6 Any left when this miser gets out of metal? (5).
7 Dandy going around with a hair ribbon (7).
8 Treacle, for example, may grease a palm (9).
13 Sticking out for potato? Against being without one (11).
14 How extravagant Icarus tried to be? (4-5).
16 Message delivered by bus once, do we hear? (9).
18 One of old invasion fleet: all gone, shipwrecked (7).
19 Little room given to first player (7).
21 Divorcee put on performance to demand payment (5).
23 Phoenician, used normally in Carthage originally (5).
25 One old letter — and others? Not *quite* (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.315

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Solution to Puzzle No 19.320

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TIMES READERS' PUZZLE

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England and Wales mainly dry with sunny periods; northern England becoming cloudier with patchy rain. Southern regions will see the most sun. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy; rain in the Hebrides will spread southeast, followed by brighter, drier weather. Temperatures near normal. Warmer in the brighter southern regions. Outlook: patchy rain will move south but peter out. Drier, brighter and warmer on Monday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	23	73	f	Madrid	22	72	f
Alicatnt	30	86	s	Majorca	28	84	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malta	37	99	s
Amst'dm	13	55	r	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Athens	36	97	s	Miami*	28	79	c
Bahrain	36	97	f	Milan	22	72	f
Bangkok	33	91	c	Montreal*	31	88	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	13	55	c
Barcelona	28	82	s	Munich	14	57	c
Beirut	29	84	f	Nairobi	22	72	c
Belgrade	23	73	f	Naples	35	95	f
Berlin	17	63	f	N Delhi	35	95	f
Bermuda*	31	88	s	N York*	32	90	s
Biarritz	16	61	f	Nice	24	75	r
Borde'x	15	59	c	Oslo	15	59	f
Brussels	16	61	c	Paris	19	66	f
Budapst	19	66	c	Peking	29	84	s
B Aires*	26	79	s	Perth	16	61	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Prague	19	66	f
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Chicago*	32	90	s	Rhodes	34	93	s
Ch'church	4	39	f	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	17	63	f	Riyadh	42	108	s
C'phagn	17	63	s	Rome	31	88	s
Corfu	34	93	s	Salzburg	15	59	c
Dublin	17	63	f	S F'sco*	23	73	s
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Santiago*	19	66	f
Faro	21	70	s	S Paulo*	24	75	f
Florence	25	77	t	Seoul	28	82	s
Frankfurt	19	66	f	Sing'por	30	86	t
Funchal	21	70	c	St'kholm	12	54	r
Geneva	15	59	c	Strasb'g	16	61	r
Gibraltar	24	75	f	Sydney	17	63	f
Helsinki	14	57	s	Tangier	22	72	c
Hong K	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	f
Innsbruck	16	61	r	Tenerife	23	73	s
Istanbul	30	88	s	Tokyo	23	73	r
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	30	86	f
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Karachi	34	93	f	Valencia	28	82	s
L Palmas	25	77	f	Vanc'ver*	17	63	r
Le Tquet	15	59	f	Venice	21	70	r
Lisbon	22	72	s	Vienna	18	64	f
Locarno	19	66	c	Warsaw	17	63	f
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'ngton	9	48	r
Lucerne	17	63	f	Zurich	13	55	c
Luxor	39	102	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.26 pm to 5.37 am
Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.46 am
Edinburgh 8.48 pm to 5.59 am
Manchester 8.36 pm to 5.41 am
Penzance 8.45 pm to 6.01 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 6.07 am — Sun sets: 7.56 pm
Moon rises: 5.58 pm — Moon sets: 2.12 am

London 8.24 pm to 5.36 am
Bristol 8.33 pm to 5.48 am
Edinburgh 8.45 pm to 5.41 am
Manchester 8.36 pm to 5.49 am
Penzance 8.43 pm to 6.02 am

TOMORROW

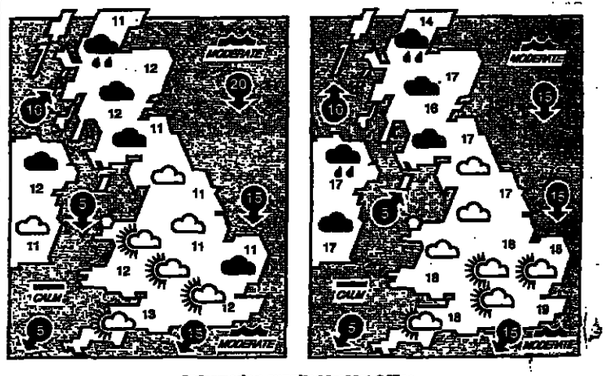
Sun rises: 6.08 am — Sun sets: 7.54 pm
Moon rises: 6.24 pm — Moon sets: 3.20 am

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YESTERDAY IN EUROPE

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Anglesey	10.0	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	1.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	6.5	-	16	61	sunny
Birmingham	6.1	0.02	17	63	sunny
Bognor Regis	11.2	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	10.5	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	7.0	-	17	63	sunny
Buxton	6.2	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff	8.9	-	17	63	sunny
Clacton	5.7	0.04	18	64	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.9	-	14	57	sunny
Eastbourne	9.2	-	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	8.4	-	18	64	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.9	-	16	61	sunny
Exmouth	8.8	-	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	6.0	-	19	66	bright
Folkestone	4.2	-	18	64	bright
Glasgow	9.4	-	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	9.5	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	6.5	-	19	66	sunny
Hunstanton	5.9	-	15	59	sunny
Isle of Man	6.8	-	18	61	bright
Jersey	7.5	-	18	64	sunny
Kinloss	0.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	9.2	-	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Littlehampton	9.6	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	8.5	-	16	61	bright
London	4.9	-	17	63	bright
Lowestoft	5.6	0.07	17	63	sunny
Manchester	6.8	-	16	61	sunny
Margate	3.4	0.01	18	64	shower
Newcastle	2.0	-	13	55	bright
Newquay	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	10.0	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	9.5	-	18	64	sunny
Salcombe	11.9	-	18	64	sunny
Sandown	10.5	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	11.1	-	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	3.2	-	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	8.9	-	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	10.2	-	18	64	sunny
Southend	0.7	-	18	64	cloudy
Southsea	11.3	-	19	66	sunny
Stornoway	0.6	0.04	15	59	drizzle
Swanage	9.9	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	9.2	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	11.1	-	17	63	sunny
Tiree	5.9	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	10.4	-	18	66	sunny
Weymouth	9.3	-	19	66	sunny
Wick	1.5	-	12	54	cloudy

These are Thursday's figures



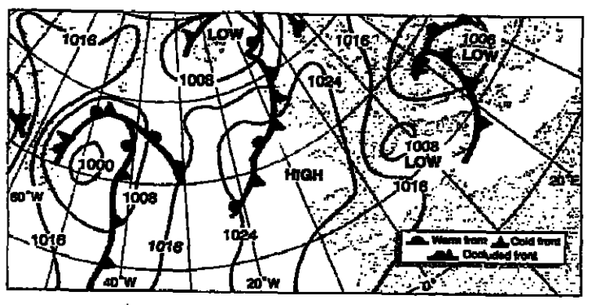
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BANK RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.78	17.28
Belgium Fr	57.10	52.70
Canada $	2.109	1.949
Cyprus Cyp£	0.796	0.746
Denmark Kr	10.99	10.19
Finland Mkk	9.36	8.56
France Fr	9.29	8.59
Germany Dm	2.669	2.459
Greece Dr	369.59	344.59
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2499.57	2344.57
Japan Yen	175.49	155.99
Netherlands Gld	3.00	2.77
Norway Kr	11.545	10.745
Portugal Esc	268.64	250.14
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	211.93	197.93
Sweden Kr	12.77	11.87
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.18
Turkey Lira	18000.0	17000.0
USA $	1.610	1.480

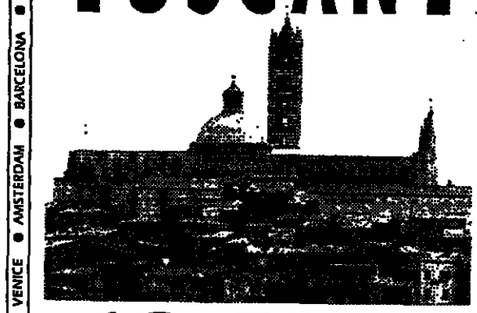
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NOON TODAY



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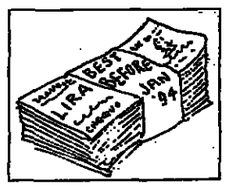
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Wimbledon and golf attracted a different type of punter when bookies stayed open late this summer
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4993 (+0.0033)
German mark .. 2.5019 (+0.0010)
Exchange index ..... 80.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3100.6 (+21.4)
Dow Jones ... 3632.25 (-15.93)*
Nikkei Avg 20791.68 (+199.92)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5⅞-5¹³/₁₆%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.02-3.01%*
Long Bond 6.14%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5015*	£:$	1.5010
$:DM	1.6685*	£:DM	2.4999
$:SWfr	1.4720*	£:SWfr	2.2073
$:Fr	5.8295*	£:Fr	8.7580
$ Yen	103.95*	£:Yen	156.33
£:SDR	1.0622	£:ECU	1.3124

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.05 ..... PM 369.25
Close 368.80-369.30
New York:
Comex 369.55-370.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 140.7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price

FBI raids healthcare firm's American backer

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

MORE than 600 agents from the FBI and staff of four other US government departments have raided 20 offices and hospitals of National Medical Enterprises. The company used to own Westminster Health Care Holdings, Britain's second largest nursing home group, and now holds 42.2 per cent of its shares.

National Medical operates 150 hospitals, including 61 psychiatric facilities, 35 general hospitals and substance abuse units. It is being sued by 13 insurance companies for alleged overcharging and fraud and faces more than 130 malpractice suits.

The raids were carried out in nine states. Agents from several agencies, including the FBI, the Department of Health, the Postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service, wheeled away large quantities of documents, obtained under court subpoenas, from more than 20 facilities.

Last year, National Medical settled charges from the state of Texas that it had paid fees to individuals for patient referrals. A National Medical spokeswoman said this week: "We settled with the Texas Attorney General, but there were no findings of criminal wrongdoing. Our hospitals are run in a different way today."

An FBI spokesman said the searches were part of "an ongoing investigation into possible criminal conduct." Two years ago, the families of some young Texas patients alleged that private security guards had taken adolescents to National Medical facilities against their will. One of the allegations of malpractice is that many patients who did not need to go into psychiatric hospitals were held against their will until insurance money ran out.

The 13 insurance companies, including Travelers, Prudential Insurance Company of America and Metropolitan Life, say they have paid a total of $625 million in claims to National Medical since 1988. They allege that the hospital group obtained much of this money by fraud.

Last week, National Medical sued 19 insurance companies for conspiracy to delay or deny payments. National Medical said in a statement: "We are co-operating with the government's investigation ... We are hopeful that the records obtained today will help the government put to rest many of its concerns."

Shares of National Medical dropped more than 26 per cent, to $11.125, as Wall Street reacted to news of the raids, which broke after the market closed on Thursday. Four months ago, the group raised £63 million through the flotation of Westminster Health Care, which operates 3,236 registered beds throughout Britain. Through a Delaware company, National Medical retains 42.2 per cent of the shares. The flotation price was 260p and the shares were unchanged yesterday at 342p.

Cahill saves BAe's Taiwan deal

■ **British Aerospace has prevented the collapse of the joint venture to build regional jets signed with Taiwan in January. The deal saves 2,500 jobs in Cheshire**

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FIRST steps towards joint production of regional jets by British Aerospace and Taiwan Aerospace Corporation (TAC) will begin next month after funding hurdles were overcome at the end of a week of make-or-break negotiations in Taiwan.

John Cahill, BAe chairman, boarded a plane for London yesterday carrying a new protocol, signed by officials of Taiwan's state-owned Chiao Tung Bank, saying they would help fund the venture.

The deal saves the jobs of more than 2,500 BAe workers at Woodford, Cheshire, involved in assembling the RJ series of regional jets. BAe had made provision to cease production of the planes if its joint venture deal with Taiwan fell through. The contract is also a personal triumph for Mr Cahill.

Although originally signed in January, the joint venture plan came within a whisker of collapse because of repeated refusal by private sector bankers in Taiwan to provide lease finance to underpin aircraft sales. Without it, their government's ambitions to develop a civil aviation industry would have collapsed.

But Chiao Tung Bank said in Taipei that under the new pact the parties had agreed to increase the joint venture's capital by US$400 million from the original $375 million with BAe and TAC each providing half the increase. TAC's share would be provided by a loan from a consortium led by the state bank, it said.

BAe declined to comment, insisting that the terms of the new deal were confidential. But there was delight and relief at the company's Farnborough headquarters in Hampshire when the news came through.

"We have achieved what we set out to do, although it has taken a week," said a BAe spokesman. "We are not going to promise a date for completion, because we tend to miss completion dates. But we have crossed the Becher's Brook on the course."

The company said: "The financial structure was confirmed in Taipei today by Earle Ho, chairman of TAC, Dr K S Liang, chairman of the Chiao Tung Bank, and John Cahill." It added: "The joint venture can now move forward towards completion." Final details of the venture, including technology transfer and project evaluation for development of a twin-engine derivative of the four-engine RJ series, will be discussed in Britain early next month, according to Chiao Tung Bank. Completion is expected soon after. That will clear the way for first steps toward assembly of RJ planes at Taichung, in central Taiwan. The work will be carried out under the banner of Avro International Aerospace, a company established by BAe to hold the technology and production assets of its regional jet business, which builds planes based on the BAe 146 whisper jet capable of seating from 70 to 116 passengers.

TAC, thus far, is little more than a shelf company, in which the Taiwan government has 29.9 per cent.



The RJ series of regional jets, derived from BAe's 146 programme, forms a key part of the development strategy headed by John Cahill



Once the BAe deal is completed, TAC will inject £120 million into Avro in exchange for half the shares. The rest will be retained by BAe. Assembly of RJ planes, under Avro supervision, will be undertaken, not by TAC, but by the Taiwan defence ministry's Aero Industry Development Centre.

Production will also continue at Woodford. Planes built at both centres will employ wings and engines from America, as well as many components from Britain. BAe says that because of sharply reduced manufacturing costs, Avro will be profitable from day one.

The business will have an ongoing spares customer base of some 200 BAe 146 aircraft. About half of those planes were leased to operators by BAe, and the availability of lease finance is deemed by BAe to be vital to Avro's ability to cash in on soaring demand for air transport in the Pacific region.

BAe will receive a bonus of $25 million on the day the first Taiwan-built RJ plane is delivered to a customer. That event was pencilled in for 1994, but delays in cementing the financial arrangements have caused an order gap and may mean growth at Avro is at first slower than hoped.

Shares breach 3,100 to set new high

BY MICHAEL CLARK AND JANET BUSH

INVESTORS were in a cheerful mood at the start of the August bank holiday after share prices on the London stock market rose above the 3,100 level for the first time.

An influx of money from Europe and America enabled share prices to extend this week's record-breaking run. Bond prices enjoyed sharp gains with prices at the longer end climbing by more than £1.

The FT-SE 100 index ended 21.4 up yesterday at a new closing high of 3,100.6 after hitting an intra-trading peak of 3,103.7.

Sentiment was cheered by the latest CBI economic survey forecasting continuing growth coupled with low inflation. This was reinforced by similar predictions from the Treasury and UBS, the broker.

The futures market took up much of the early running but trading conditions in the cash market remain thin with 529 million shares traded. Market-makers do not have the stock to satisfy demand and badly need to see the market trade lower. Shares were undeterred by the Bundesbank's decision on Thursday to defer interest rate cuts. The market continued to anticipate lower rates in Europe.

Weaker currencies in the exchange-rate mechanism yesterday suffered a minor aftershock from the Bundesbank decision in the form of a temporarily higher repurchase rate. Although the move was purely technical, the French and Belgian francs, the Danish krone, the peseta and the escudo weakened.

News of a 0.8 per cent rise in West German import prices in July reinforced fears that inflationary pressures in Germany will induce caution about near-term German rate cuts.

The Belgian franc came under further pressure yesterday on news that inflation had accelerated to 3.19 per cent in August.

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When pay day is always mañana...

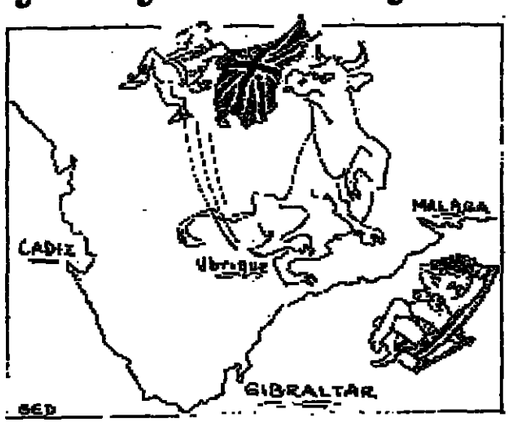
BY MARTIN BARROW

BRITONS chuckle at the Spanish way of doing business — *mañana, mañana* — and the term Spanish practices is synonymous with bending the rules to one's advantage or operating just the wrong side of the law.

Spaniards fail to see the joke, and point contemptuously at the throng of British tourists misbehaving on the sun-soaked Costas to prove we are no great shakes as a nation, either. And there is always Gibraltar ... Against that background, it is small wonder that *Eldorado*, the BBC's contribution to Anglo-Iberian relations, was short-lived.

Now there is another flashpoint to spoil the uneasy truce that exists between Britain and Spain. Inland of the Costa del Sol, a short drive from Coín, where much of Eldorado was filmed, 126 employees of a leather goods company are staging protests against their British employers after going more than eight weeks without pay.

In the town of Ubrique — population 25,000, in the mountains north of Gibraltar — the staff of CIMA Industrial Marroquinera Artesana and their families claim they have been left high and dry by Hartstone Group of Britain, which bought their once family-run concern in late 1990. Not only have they received no wages this summer: all senior executives have been withdrawn and there is no-one with whom union representatives can negotiate.



Miguel Angel Garcia, a worker, said the situation is "chaotic". Hartstone has failed to fulfil repeated promises to send someone to address the problem, and employees work from day to day without knowing whether the town's largest single employer will survive. Señor Garcia says families are relying on handouts from relatives to be able to pay their bills. "We don't believe in anyone anymore". Each day after work, dozens of people protest outside the factory. The union believes that Hartstone is hoping CIMA will simply go under and disappear. "They don't care what becomes of us or our families," said Mr Garcia.

In Britain, Shaun Dowling, Hartstone chairman, said he had been prevented sending the wages owed because of a standstill agreement with 13 banks that forms part of a refinancing. Mr Dowling replaced Stephen Barker, Hartstone founder, this year after the company, which grew rapidly through acquisition to become one of Europe's largest hosiery and leathergoods concerns, hit difficulties. In May, Hartstone announced a £9.86 million loss. The results followed a profit warning and fall in shares to 33p from 272p. The banks took charge. Mr Dowling sympathised with workers but said Hartstone's hands were tied by the banks. The group was sending a representative to Spain to hasten the appointment of a receiver; the quicker this was done, the quicker the business could be sold and, hopefully, the workers paid. "I know the workers will find it difficult, but fortunately the Spanish arrangements for social security are far more generous than they are here," he added.

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City accused of evading its duty to Maxwell pensioners

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE CITY stands accused of shirking its moral duty by balking at requests to bail out thousands of Maxwell pensioners, who, after years of contributions, find their pension fund is bereft of the monies necessary to meet payouts.

About £440 million of assets went missing from the Maxwell companies' pension funds and so far the trustees have recovered only £27 million.

Brian Tatch, the independent executive chairman of the trustee company for the Maxwell Communication Works Pension Scheme, which has an asset deficiency of about £100 million, said: "There are many parties who bear some of the responsibility, or could relieve the suffering and distress of pensioners very speedily, but who are unwilling to do so because it might prejudice their position or relieve someone else of responsibility."

About 20 City finance houses, including Crédit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Shearson Lehman and Banque Nationale de Paris, are in possession of about half of the funds' missing assets. They may be the rightful owners — that has yet to be decided by a court — and the trustees have not started any legal proceedings to determine ownership, but "they owe a moral obligation to return the assets", Mr Tatch said.

"There are a lot of parties, including the financial institutions, the government and the whole of the City's pensions community, who have been asked to dip into their pockets to meet the shortfall," he said. "They, for different reasons, have refused and are saying they will not until they are forced."

■ **Maxwell pension fund trustees are ready to start legal proceedings if City finance houses continue to decline to return assets that would help meet pensioners' demands**

National Westminster Bank handed over shares worth £27 million in Tera, an Israeli pharmaceuticals company. The trustees recently sold them in a private placement in America, raising £56 million. "But that is it," Mr Tatch said. Attempts to persuade the finance houses to bail the pensioners out are still under way, but if the attitude of "force me to pay or I won't" continues, the trustees are ready to start legal proceedings. "We could, and are likely to, launch proceedings but ideally we would rather not go to court because of the costs and time involved," Mr Tatch said.

The present ownership of the other half of the funds' missing assets is not identifiable. They are believed to have been used to support Maxwell Communication Corporation's share price. "These are totally non-recoverable, unless damages claims against professional advisers are made and are successful," Mr Tatch said.

About half of the Works Scheme's 11,000 members are pensioners; of their £6 million annual payments, the fund has managed to pay only 31 per cent of its commitments — payments it said would be possible for up to five years only. The balance came from charitable sources, the Mirror Past Service scheme and the Maxwell Pensioners Trust.

Administrative difficulties have been overcome and the scheme's finances, although still "in a parlous state", are better than originally feared, Mr Tatch said. As a result, the scheme, from the start of September, is able to pay pensioners 60 per cent of their entitlement. The charitable funds will cover the balance, a role that the trustees of the Maxwell Pensioners Trust expect to continue to perform for three years on present resources. To date, donations to the charitable funds have totalled about £6 million.

Mr Tatch said: "Although pensioners have received their full entitlements to date, they have not known from one month to the next if they would continue to do so."

Homes Assured: two found guilty

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE founder of Homes Assured Corporation, set up to help council tenants to buy their houses, was found guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday of lying to financial backers.

Anthony Dobson, 60, a father of three, was found guilty by unanimous verdicts on two charges of procuring execution of a security by deception.

Another former director of Homes Assured, Keith Woodward, 56, of Wanstead, east London, was found guilty of one charge of furnishing false information, which, the prosecution claimed, had prevented one of the group's subsidiaries going into liquidation.

The Crown alleged in the four-month trial that, from November 1988 to August 1989 — when the company crashed with debts of £10.7 million — the two men, and Michael Robinson, 42, of Fulham, southwest London, the managing director, had traded fraudulently.

The jury has still not been able to reach verdicts on a fraudulent trading charge, which the three have denied.

After being given a majority direction on the remaining count, the three women and eight men, who have heard evidence from more than 100 prosecution witnesses, told Judge John Rogers, QC, that they would need to spend a fifth night at an hotel in order to continue deliberations today.

The court had been told that Dobson, of Chelsea, southwest London, had covered up the fact that he had staved off personal bankruptcy by entering a voluntary arrangement with creditors. Michael Kalisher, QC, for the prosecution, said that this had enabled him to get the Bank of Boston and the stockbroker Anderson and Company to pay a total of £500,000 into the business.

Dobson claimed through counsel that he had not believed that the information was required.



PETER TREVNOR

Freddie Aldous, front, Ian Mosley, left, and John Leigh lead the buyout team. Martin Clarke, right, represents backers

TSB sells car rental arm to buyout team

BY SARAH BAGNALL

TSB Group has continued to dispose of non-core activities with the sale of Eurodollar, the car rental business, to managers for £118 million. The buyout team of 11 will hold 40 per cent of the company's £60 million of equity, with Freddie Aldous, chairman, and Ian Mosley, chief executive, taking the lion's share.

The managers expect a quick exit for their investments, with flotation as the likely route. "The stock market is our natural home," Mr Aldous said, adding that flotation could be within two to three years.

The sale marks another step in TSB's return to its roots as a retail savings bank and follows this month's £110 million sale of Noble Lowndes, the consulting group, to Sedgwick, the insurance broker. In July, TSB sold the Swan National vehicle leasing group for £182.5 million.

Peter Elfwood, TSB chief executive, said: "We were clear that once Swan National Leasing and Swan National's motor group had been sold, Eurodollar would be somewhat isolated within the group structure." TSB shares rose 3p, to 203p.

TSB, which embarked on an acquisition spree in the late 1980s, has disposed of eight businesses since 1991. It is now left with TSB Bank, its retail banking operations, Hill Samuel, the merchant bank and insurance company, a 133-branch estate agency chain and the credit financing operation of United Dominions Trust (UDT). Hill Samuel is rumoured to be up for sale. Attempts to dispose of the estate agencies to National & Provincial Building Society collapsed last month.

TSB is receiving sale proceeds of £59.9 million, comprising cash of £22 million for the assets of Eurodollar, which amounted to £20.4 million on March 31, and £37.9 million in respect of intercompany debt. The balance of £58.1 million is to repay the company's debts.

Eurodollar, along with Swan National Leasing, was part of UDT, which TSB acquired in 1971. It has 106 branches in the UK, operating a fleet of 12,000 vehicles, and operates more than 400,000 vehicles through its franchise network in 27 countries.

The buyout team has financing facilities for £192 million. These have been arranged by Prudential Venture Managers, which, along with Charterhouse Development Capital, Electra Private Equity Partners and Morgan Grenfell Development Capital, will hold 60 per cent of Eurodollar's equity.

The company made a pre-tax loss of £7.9 million in the six months to March 31. For the year to September 30, 1992, there was a pre-tax profit of £3 million and a post-tax loss of £1 million.

Seizure of Ferruzzi assets confirmed

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

A MILAN court yesterday confirmed the seizure of 500 billion lire (£206 million) worth of assets of former executives of Montedison, Italy's largest private-sector agro-industrial and chemical group.

The sequestration order involved members of the Ferruzzi family, which had operational control of Montedison through the family holding company, Ferruzzi Finanziaria.

The sequestration of assets had won preliminary approval earlier this month but Montedison and the former executives had been asked to provide further information before it was confirmed.

Guido Rossi, newly appointed chairman of Montedison, had requested the sequestration to cover "various operational episodes damaging the company".

Two former executives of Montedison told Milan magistrates that some 150 billion to 170 billion lire was paid in kickbacks to political parties while a further loss of 320 billion lire, stemming from an abortive attempt to corner the soybean market in Chicago in 1989, was disclosed at Montedison's shareholders meeting in June.

The former executives involved in the sequestration were Giuseppe Garofano, Carlo Sama, Arturo Ferruzzi, Roberto Magnani, Romano Venturi and the estate of Raul Gardini, a former chairman of the company who committed suicide in July.

SignorSama and Arturo Ferruzzi are members of the Ferruzzi family, which recently handed over operational control of Montedison to a group of creditor banks after announcing debts which amounted to 28 trillion lire at the end of May.

SignorGardini, who led Italy's Moor of Venice challenge in the America's Cup, was the husband of Idina Ferruzzi, a sister of Arturo Ferruzzi.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French farmers fail to win Bonn concessions

GERMANY pulled back from its apparent readiness to make key concessions to France over farm trade yesterday, saying it was not proposing to renegotiate a compromise deal between the European Community and America. After talks with Edouard Balladur, prime minister of France, on Thursday, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Germany also had "enormous problems" with the "Blair House" deal that France has opposed. That agreement, made with America last November, would cut the European Community's subsidised exports, oilseed production and handouts to farmers.

While French commentators saw this as a concession, a spokesman for the German government said: "It's not a question of new negotiations of Blair House but a question of how we deal with the difficulties that arise when the agreement comes into force."

Heineken shares stable

SHARES in Heineken recouped all their earlier losses after the company said it held Vereenigde Glasfabrieken, a subsidiary of BSN, responsible for the costs incurred in recalling beer bottles after glass splinters were found. Heineken traded 0.10 guilders firmer at Fl185.30 (£65) after dipping to Fl180.20 earlier. The company must now trace 3.5 million bottles of beer and convince consumers its beer is safe. The brewer has indicated it is insured.

Paper plant go-ahead

SVENSKA Cellulosa, the Swedish forestry products group, announced a £250 million plan to expand newsprint production at its Aylesford, Kent, plant and said talks with Mondi Europe, an associate of Anglo American Corp, to co-finance the project were continuing. The project involves the construction of a newsprint machine capable of producing 280,000 tonnes per year, and rebuilding existing capacity to boost total production to400,000 tonnes, from recycled paper.

Vauxhall offer rejected

VAUXHALL car workers have rejected an improved pay offer and negotiations have been taken over by national union officers, who are setting up their own meeting with the company. Talks broke down after local officials representing 9,000 manual workers refused a revised two-year deal of 2.1 per cent in the first year and 2.6 per cent in the second. The offer had been increased from an original first-year rise of 1.5 per cent followed by 2 per cent.

Lec freezes interim

THE dividend is being held at Lec Refrigeration, the quoted refrigerator maker, despite reporting losses of £1.7 million in the six months to end-June, against a £320,000 profit. Lec said it was maintaining the 4p interim because of the relative strength of the balance sheet. Stewart Aitken, chairman, said the latest results reflected the "persistently disappointing economic climate in the UK". Losses per share were 18.58p (3.54p earnings).

Edmonds takes helm



PHIL Edmonds, right, the former England cricketer, has become executive chairman of Ferromet, the metal trader whose shares languish at 1p on the USM. He has converted his holding of £100,000 of convertible loan stock into ordinary shares. Ferromet has been looking for a business to reverse into its UK interests. It is buying retail and office property at Monmouth, Gwent, for 35 million shares. There are 204 million shares in issue.

Zeneca wins licence

ZENECA, the pharmaceuticals group demerged from ICI, has received a UK licence for Zestril for use in congestive heart failure. Zeneca said that Zestril, an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor launched in 1988, was registered in 67 countries for hypertension. Zestril was now indicated for treating congestive heart failure in all main markets, except Japan, where registration was under way. Worldwide sales of Zestril products rose by 31 per cent in 1992, to £294 million.

West Trust food deal

WEST Trust, the textiles group that has diversified into the food industry, has paid £2.48 million for La Mexicana, a Mexican food producer. The deal follows the acquisitions of Bart Spices in 1992 and Veeraswamy's (Food Products) this year. The consideration will be met by the issue by West Trust of 7.7 million new shares, together with an open offer and placing. West Trust also yesterday announced pre-tax profits for the year to end-March of £129,000 (£3.18 million loss).

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Coutts Consulting faces payout delay

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SHAREHOLDERS in Coutts Consulting face a wait of at least three years for a dividend after the collapse of a second attempt at a settlement between the staff outplacement group and Barry Topple, its former chief executive.

Coutts, chaired by Sir Kit McMahon, now trades profitably, but cannot pay dividends before clearing a deficit on reserves. The alternative, financial reconstruction, is blocked by Mr Topple, owner of 70 per cent of preference shares.

Mr Topple and other preference holders have rejected an offer of 66.67 ordinary shares per 100 convertible. He voted down a conversion rate of 47.62 at an EGM in July. Stephen Johnson, chief executive, says Mr Topple is seeking compensation for loss of office, and the right to buy a training centre from Coutts, in return for backing reconstruction.

If no settlement is reached, Coutts must pay preference dividend arrears of £530,000 and clear an accumulated deficit in reserves of £6 million before a dividend is restored.

Mr Johnson said: "We are trading profitably and the deficit is being reduced all the time. We have long-term contracts with the utilities and the armed services, where staff are being released."

The dispute with Mr Topple is a cloud over the improved position of Coutts, formerly DC Gardner, with record results from career consultancy and outplacement work and improving performance from residential training. Operating profit rose 8.3 per cent, to £2 million, in the half year to June.

The £6.4 million cost of surrendering the lease on premises in London Docklands led to a pre-tax figure of a £5.2 million loss, against profit of nearly £1 million last time. The surrender will save £1.2 million a year in overheads.

Dixons quits British property in L&G deal

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

DIXONS, the electrical retailer, is to sell the bulk of its remaining British property portfolio to Legal & General for £28.55 million in a move marking its withdrawal from the UK property market.

Dixons announced in July of last year its decision to pull out of British property with the intention of disposing of its portfolio of mainly income-producing commercial and retail properties as and when market conditions permitted. Progress was slow, with only one property sold during the year. However, yesterday's L&G deal ensures the disposal of almost all of its remaining portfolio. After the sale, Dixons will have only two properties, worth £6.6 million.

The assets being bought by L&G were valued at £31.5 million in Dixons' balance sheet on 1 May, 1993. The £2.95 million shortfall between valuation and sale price will appear in the group's profit-and-loss account as an exceptional loss on disposal of a discontinued activity.

Robert Shrager, Dixons' finance director, was still pleased with the deal. "We have liquidated most of our UK property portfolio in one transaction and turned it into cash, which is very satisfactory," he said.

Alan Winter, managing director of Legal & General Property, which acts for the insurer's Life Fund, said that the portfolio being bought was "a mixed bag", with scope to improve the initial yield of 7 per cent through "intensive management over a longer period of time". The Life Fund has been a big buyer of property since early 1991.

Dixons will invest the sale proceeds in its retail operations. Mr Shrager said it remains committed to its European property operations, valued at £110 million at the year-end.

Brent agrees to part with its chief executive



Cuthbert: decided to resign

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

STEPHEN Cuthbert, who joined the Brent International chemicals group in 1977 and until Thursday evening was its chief executive, has resigned. Brent yesterday announced a sharp fall in 1993 interim profits, and conceded that in recent years the group has not been managed as strongly as it might have been.

Lord Lane of Horsell, Brent's chairman, said Mr Cuthbert had resigned "by mutual agreement". Mr Cuthbert, 50, and whose annual salary was about £135,000, had been chief executive since 1981. Brent confirmed that there had been pressure from institutional shareholders and from non-executives directors for a management shake-up. Mr Cuthbert was on a 30-months' rolling contract and is likely to receive a compensation payment of about £250,000.

Brent yesterday announced that pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 had slumped from £6.4 million to £931,000 on a turnover up from £59.9 million to £63.5 million. The 1993 interim result included a rationalisation charge of £2.1 million. A further £1 million charge is likely in the second half. Lord Lane said the interim profits announcement had been brought forward from September 20.

Brent is maintaining its interim dividend at 1.6p a share. Analysts are concerned about prospects for the year's final dividend. Keith Hutchings, formerly group financial director, has been appointed acting chief executive while the group searches for a new "strong industrial person". Mr Hutchings said Brent had the ability to pay a maintained interim dividend, and therefore did.

Brent also announced a £24 million deal with Cookson Group. Brent is selling to Cookson its electronics group for £20 million cash, and is buying Cookson's Trafficair division, which manufacturers industrial cleaning and maintenance products, for £4 million. The effect of the Cookson deals will see Brent's net tangible assets rise from £23 million to £37 million, with £6 million of net cash.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Charles Brady**

No quick fix for a former colonial empire

A year ago, the image of Invesco was at rock-bottom. Under its new chief, things are looking up, says Sara McConnell



DENZIL McNEILANCE

Charles Brady is a strategist, leaving detail to others. The approach seems to work. Invesco's past six months have been "close to the best we have ever had"

Charles Brady has divided the world into three parts: North America, Europe and a catch-all area called The Pacific. Out of these will grow a brave new Invesco fund management empire, "a united nations of fund managers", not "a colonial system of which London is the centre".

This is an apt vision for a man who plane-hops from one continent to another, who might brief journalists in the morning in London before boarding a plane to Atlanta, Georgia, touch base briefly there, then fly on to Boston and Washington. But the vision could be dismissed as misplaced idealism if it did not appear to be working. This week, Invesco unveiled half-year profits of almost £23 million, sharply up on last year. Global funds under management were £43 billion, up from £31 billion.

The same day, the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) reported that funds under management by UK unit trust companies had risen to a record £78.8 billion last month and a net £948 million had flowed in. Like other fund managers, Invesco will be able to reap the benefit of private investors' interest in unit trusts, fuelled by low interest rates on deposit accounts.

Analysts described Invesco's figures as "very good indeed" and pushed up their full-year predictions. They ascribed the improvement to the quality of Charles Brady's leadership.

It is almost exactly a year since Mr Brady, 58, an American who had run the group's profitable US operation, took over as Invesco's chief executive. In April, he replaced Lord Stevens of Ludgate, the press baron and financier, as group chairman. He has struggled to turn round an organisation with a poor performance and tarnished image. That had proved, particularly in London, a disastrous combination.

Under Lord Stevens, the group had managed to attract negative publicity like magnets attract iron filings. Two months ago, Invesco MIM, the UK investment management arm, was fined £750,000, the maximum possible, by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), for 55 breaches of rules. Imro revealed, after a two-year investigation, that it had come close to shutting the company, which admitted mispricing trusts, defective record keeping, failure to keep clients' money in separate accounts and making unsuitable investments on behalf of clients which led to "significant losses".

Invesco was also heavily criticised for its conduct in relation to the management of assets belonging to the Mirror Group pension scheme, including failure to disclose to the scheme trustees that it no longer had custody of investments being managed on its behalf. Invesco managed £50 million of Maxwell pension funds. These accusations fuelled controversy over the close relationship between Robert Maxwell and Lord Stevens. Legal action against Invesco by Mirror pension fund trustees is being pursued, with the trustees alleging breach of trust and fiduciary duty against Invesco and claiming £11.3 million in respect of securities wrongly delivered to third parties.

As if all this was not enough, Invesco was called to account for its mismanagment of Drayton Consolidated Trust. After investing heavily in unquoted companies, Invesco was forced to write off millions of pounds and make an unprecedented settlement of £9.5 million to Drayton shareholders. The investigation was Imro's biggest ever, and called forth harsh condemnation of Invesco from John Morgan, then the regulator's chief executive.

But what angered Imro even more, Mr Brady believes, was the arrogance of the then top management towards City regulators. "They just didn't believe the regulators had any authority," he said. "The reasons why the fines were so high was because these people were so arrogant." An earlier fine of £75,000 for maladministration of personal equity plans appeared to have had little effect, Imro said. Invesco MIM's executive directors were not, initially, even aware that the firm was being investigated.

The new-style Invesco does not have a problem with regulators, Mr Brady said. "We will comply." Mr Brady admits that he had been "fed up" and on the point of leaving when Lord Stevens gave up his fight to stay at Invesco's helm, leaving the way clear for Mr Brady to become chief executive. Six months later, Nicholas Johnson, head of the group's non-American operations, resigned after a boardroom struggle, leaving Mr Brady without competition for the chair.

The insularity of MIM Britannia, the London-based fund manager that had acquired Mr Brady's Atlanta-based Invesco Capital Management in 1988, had amazed and frustrated him. He ran Invesco MIM's US business while Lord Stevens headed the European operation. However, Mr Brady felt "no progress" was being made because the London management was not interested in any approach that differed from its own view. "They saw the company in London as the centre with lots of little satellites ... Any worldwide planning was total lip-service." Ironically, the US, where 78 per cent of the group's funds are now invested, grew more and more profitable, while the UK business was going "downhill". So said Norman Riddell, who was brought in by Mr Brady in January as head of Invesco's European operations. Stiff competition and desperation to be seen to succeed in the UK was partly to blame for the embarrassingly poor performance of some of the company's funds. Mr Brady said: "The concept prevalent in the firm before was that if someone wasn't the best possible fund manager, he or she had failed. This meant high risk. Now we are saying we have to be prudent."

Since Lord Stevens's departure, radical management restructurings have taken place around the world. In Europe alone, 22 senior managers have lost their jobs, Mr Riddell said. A new chief executive has been found for the growing Pacific operation. Costs have been cut. Plans are afoot to take advantage of the deregulation of pension funds in Japan.

Management of every part of the group will be narrow and focused, and hierarchies will be a thing of the past. Each of the three areas of the Invesco world will have its own chief executive and non-executive and executive directors. They will be able to operate independently of each other. That is not to say there will not be group meetings. The phrase "global village" could have been invented for Mr Brady, for whom time differences and continents are made to be shrunk.

His forte is strategic planning. He is prepared to leave detail and day-to-day running to his teams as he hops from one part of his empire to another. It could not be more different from the style of Lord Stevens, descriptions of which range from "hands-on" to "autocratic". In his time, employees allegedly lived in terror of being summoned.

By contrast, those who have experienced Mr Brady's management style describe him as a "motivator" and credit him with "great vision". Karen Neale, an analyst at BZW, said: "Charles Brady has built up Invesco in the States. He is an entrepreneur but he is conservative. He has flair and he is sorting out the UK."

But these are all subjective impressions. What matters to Invesco's shareholders is tangible evidence that things are improving. Mr Brady presented the company's half-year figures this week, "close to the best six months we have ever had", with visible relief. His comment was cautiously optimistic but prudent: "This is a solid balance sheet. We are getting ourselves re-established. But this is the first step in the process. We intend to be conservative. People are entrusting millions of pounds to us to manage and we are not going for the quick fix."

Police seize documents and disks in Volkswagen raids

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

GERMAN prosecutors and police investigating allegations of industrial spying at Volkswagen seized a large quantity of documents and computer material in a raid on VW offices. The car company said searches, which began on Thursday morning, finished yesterday afternoon.

"Business papers in large quantities were taken, and in addition a large number of data carriers (diskettes and between 20 and 30 stand-alone personal computers, including laptops)," the Darmstadt public prosecutors said.

The searches were at locations in Wolfsburg, where VW has its headquarters, and Braunschweig. Forty officers, including computer specialists, took part. The prosecutors said it would take a long time to evaluate the materials seized because of their complexity.

Prosecutors have spent three months looking into claims that José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, who came from General Motors to become VW's production chief this year, and other former GM managers, took confidential documents with them.

In June, investigators found boxes of documents belonging to GM and its Adam Opel subsidiary at a flat in Wiesbaden occupied by two former Opel employees now at VW.

Among locations searched this week were the offices of Señor Lopez and of several colleagues who came with him from GM and Opel, their homes, a VW guest house and the company's marketing and management institute.

On August 6, VW conceded that potentially sensitive GM papers had turned up in Wiesbaden and at the guest house, but said they had been destroyed by former GM employees to prevent them being distributed at VW.

VW has continued to stand by Señor López. It held its own enquiry, which found no evidence of industrial espionage. The company has also commissioned independent auditors to carry out an investigation. Initial results will be put to the supervisory board on September 3.

Bairstow hits back at QMH

JOHN Bairstow, the founder and former chairman of Queens Moat Houses, hit back at the troubled hotels group yesterday after he came under fire from shareholders for failing to attend Thursday's annual meeting.

A statement by his solicitors said he had been forced to stay away by the new Queens Moat board. Andrew Coppel, the new chief executive, was also criticised for not making the reasons for Mr Bairstow's absence clear when answering shareholders' questions.

Queens Moat declined to comment on the statement but a company spokesman said Mr Bairstow, who still owns more than eight million shares in the group, could have attended the meeting as a shareholder if he had so wished.

Axis adviser

Axis International, the investment and consultancy group, has appointed Beeson Gregory financial adviser with a view to seeking a Stock Exchange flotation in the next three to four years.

Trust boost

The strong Japanese stock market has helped Scottish Investment Trust to raise net asset value by 17 per cent in the nine months to July. Revenue before tax increased 3.1 per cent to £13.7 million.

Surrey passes

Surrey Group, the bookmaker, says it is trading at a small profit after recording a pre-tax loss of £937,000 in the year to March. The dividend is passed.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Off the rails

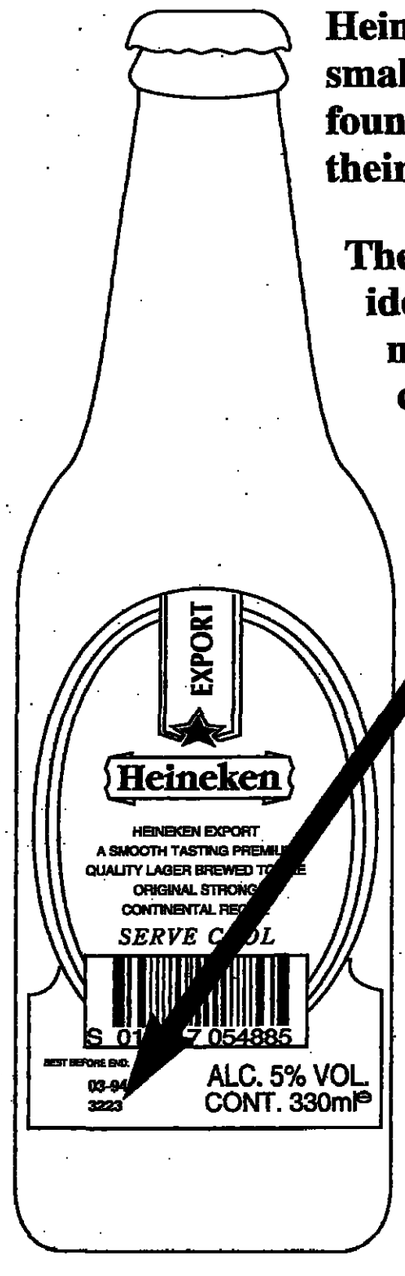
"The government has claimed that at least 50 companies are interested in a rail franchise. Last month an independent survey identified only 16 companies. The Sunday Times last week found that at least four of them are now less keen."

Business, The Sunday Times tomorrow ...

PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

HEINEKEN EXPORT BEER

(330 ML BOTTLE SIZE ONLY)



Heineken regret to announce that small chips of glass have been found in some green bottles of their Heineken Export beer.

The affected batch can be identified from the four digit number in the left hand lower corner on the back label, below the best before date. Any bottles displaying the following code numbers:

3200, 3201, 3211, 3214, 3223, 3224, 3231, 3232

should not be opened and the beer should not be consumed.

The public are advised to return any affected bottles to the point of purchase for a refund.

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STOCK MARKET

Shares pass 3,100 to new record close

SHARE prices extended this week's record-breaking run by climbing above 3,100 to finish the second leg of the three-week account at a new closing high.

Overseas buying of both the cash and futures markets and further positive news on the economic front enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close just below its best of the day with a rise of 21.4 to an all-time high of 3,100.6, after hitting a new intra-trading peak of 3,103.7.

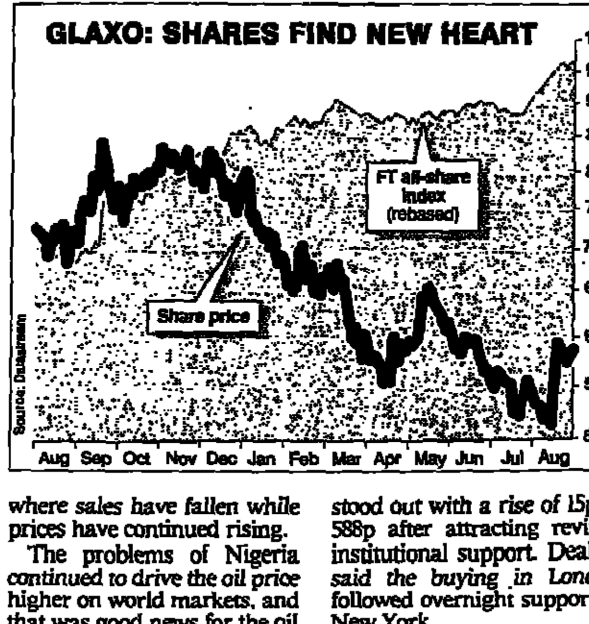
A forecast from the CBI of continued growth and low inflation, combined with similar predictions from the Treasury and UBS, the broker, to cheer sentiment and attract overseas funds. But trading conditions once again proved to be thin, with stock shortages causing discomfort to most market-makers who do not have the available stock to satisfy demand. By the close of business only 529 million shares had changed hands.

Harrington Kilbride, steady at 224p, was named fastest growing magazine publisher in a survey. Interims should show pre-tax profits of £500,000 (£435,000), with £2.2 million expected for the year.

Once again it was blue-chip issues and those with an international flavour which made most of the early running. **Reuters** jumped 31p to £15.55 as the company continued buying back its own shares. Fund managers have been falling over themselves to sell their stock back to the company, before attempting to buy it back elsewhere. They receive £17.21 for each share, including the accompanying tax credit.

Rothmans International was another firm market, with the B shares adding 13½p to 717½p before the vote on the proposed reconstruction, including Alfred Dunhill, on September 7.

Bass touched 498p before recovering to finish 9p lower at 502p after James Capel, the broker, downgraded its current year profits forecast. Capel has cut its forecast for the current year by £10 million to £490 million and for 1994 from £545 million to £525 million. Capel is believed to have made its move because of the depressed beer market, where sales have fallen while prices have continued rising.



The problems of Nigeria continued to drive the oil price higher on world markets, and that was good news for the oil companies. **Enterprise Oil** led the way with a rise of 29p to 480p after a strong buy recommendation in Warburg Securities' latest quarterly survey. Rival Kleinwort Benson was also a buyer of Enterprise earlier this week. There were also gains for **Hardy Oil**, 3p to 174p, **Lasmo**, 7½p to 153½p, **Pict Petroleum**, 8p to 134p, and **Shell**, 4p to 678p. **Glaxo** stood out with a rise of 15p to 588p after attracting revived institutional support. Dealers said the buying in London followed overnight support in New York.

Zeneca rose 5p to 714p after receiving the go-ahead for doctors to prescribe Zestril, its heart drug, in the UK. **Wellcome** managed to shrug off the ill-effects of a profits downgrading by James Capel to finish only 1p lower at 742p.

British Aerospace hardened 3p to 450p after announcing that it had reached agreement on the financial structure of its joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace. BAe said the £250 million deal to produce a short-haul aircraft can now proceed after the talks with Taiwanese banks.

TSB, 3p firmer at 203p, has finally severed its links with the car rental industry, with the sale of Eurodollar.

A management buy-out team is paying £118 million for the business. A cash payment of £59 million will be made and debts of £58.1 million will be repaid. Last month TSB sold its Swan National rental business to HSBC for £182.5 million. **HSBC**, reporting interim figures next week, rose 3p to 733p.

Roger Allard, who resigned from the board of **Owners Abroad** last month, has disposed of his entire holding in the company. He has sold his 2.5 million shares at 82.5p. Owners is currently the subject of a Takeover Panel enquiry after making optimistic comments about current trading as part of its defence against the unwanted bid from Airtours.

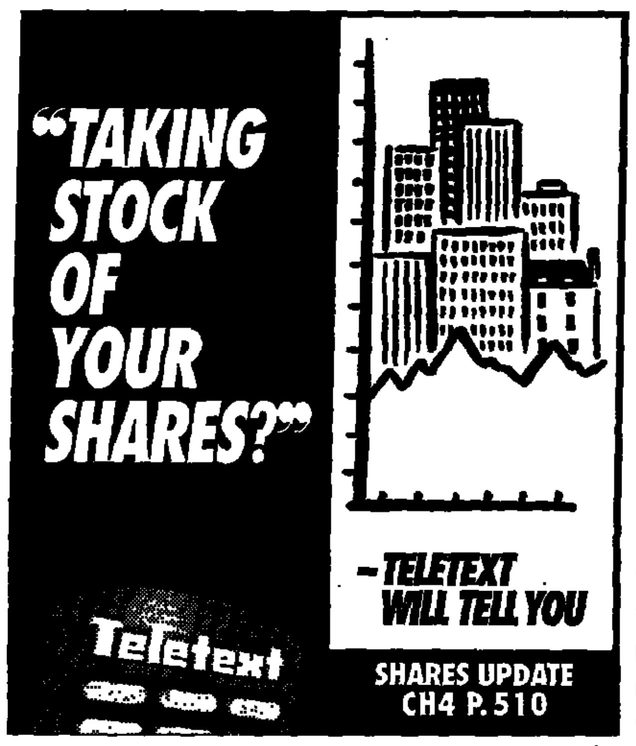
Guinness Peat firmed 1p to 30p as Brierley Investments disposed of its 19.2 per cent stake. The 65 million shares were placed at 62.5 cents each. BIL holds a further 63.7 million shares, or 18 per cent.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** enjoyed strong gains, with the futures market taking the initiative as investors began rolling-over their positions between the September and December series.

A total of 33,000 contracts were completed in the September series as the price leapt £1³⁄₁₆ to £113⁷⁄₈. In the December series, 46,000 contracts were recorded, with the price closing at £113¹³⁄₁₆. On the cash market, it was the longer end that enjoyed the best support, with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** better by £1⅜ to £117¹³⁄₃₂, while in shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was £⁵⁄₁₆ higher at £113⁷⁄₃₂.

Smith New Court says switch out of Barclays, down 6p to 508p, and into Lloyds, up 9p to 559p. Lloyds offers better short term value. The yield is superior and there is a better return on equity and assets.

MICHAEL CLARK



Tokyo shares rise on interest rate hopes

WORLD MARKETS

Tokyo — Shares ended firmer on hopes of a cut in the discount rate by the Bank of Japan, though off the day's highs with dealers position-squaring before the weekend. Buying centred on incentive-backed issues and the higher futures market helped lift prices. The Nikkei average ended 199.92 points higher at 20,791.68, with about 330 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index finished down 26.10 points at 7,422.98 after lagging by 73 points at midday as profits were taken.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares recovered from early lows to end the trading session with a more positive tone on the back of pre-weekend short-covering and renewed optimism on interest rates. The Dax index ended 3.45 points higher at 1,904.60.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index fell 2.27 points to 2,007.92, off an intra-day record high of 2,017.26.

☐ **Sydney** — The all ordinaries index bounced back after an earlier markdown to end the session 7.1 points up at 1,948.6. *(Reuter)*

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	99	+2
Bakyrchik (120)	133	...
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	183½	+1
EFM Small Co's Tst (100)	100	+1
EFM Small Co's Warrants	54	+1
Explaura A	5	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	156	+3
Flying Flowers (65)	82	...
For & Col Special Inc	70	...
For & Col Spl Capital	46	...
For & Col Spl Units	115	-1
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	113	+1
Martin Currie Pac Wts	64	...
Raglan Warrants	28	+1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Business Technology n/p (10)	4	+¼
Cussins Property n/p (75)	20	...
Nrthmbrn Fine Foods n/p (8)	3	...
Sedgwick n/p (165)	23	-1
TT Group n/p (240)	38	+5
Villiers n/p (10½)	¼	...
Wilton n/p (1)	½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Mansfield	216p (+16p)
Chubb Sec	369p (+10p)
Smithkline	461p (+12p)
Takeda Chem	824p (+18p)
Airtours	399p (+20p)
Farnell Elect	461p (+13p)
Kingfisher	678p (+13p)
Eurotunnel Uts	477p (+11p)
BAA	818p (+19p)
Rothamns 'B'	717½p (+13½p)
Enterprise	480p (+29p)
Burmah Castrol	785p (+13p)
Portals	524p (+10p)
Bilton	645p (+15p)
Derwent Hldgs	540p (+10p)
Estates Agency	300p (+40p)
FALLS:	
JW Spear	525p (-25p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	313p (-15p)
Thomson Corp	715p (-20p)
Lec Refrig	*260p (-13p)*

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WALL STREET

Dow shows early fall

New York — Equities took their lead from bonds, trading lower at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average showing a fall of 15.93 points to 3,632.25. Profit-taking saw declining issues leading advancing shares by nine to seven. The long bond fell ½ to yield 6.14 per cent. Shares of AT&T led those most actively traded. Analysts attributed the rise to a press report that the company was talking with the nation's biggest cable companies to link their customers into one big multimedia network. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 27 midday	Aug 26 close
AMP Inc	64¼	65¼
AMR Corp	67¼	67¼
Abbott Labs	26¼	26¼
Aetna Life	58¼	59¼
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19¼
Air Prod & Chem	43¼	43¼
Albertson's	54¼	55¼
Alcan Alumnm	20¼	20¼
Alco Standard	45¼	45¼
Allied Signal	73¼	74¼
Alum Co of Am	75¼	76¼
Amax	24¼	25¼
Amerada Hess	53¼	53¼
Amer Brands	31¼	31¼
Amer Cyanamid	53¼	54¼
Amer El Power	36¼	38¼
Amer Express	32¼	33¼
Amer Genl Corp	34¼	34¼
Amer Home Pr	63¼	63¼
Amer Intl	95¼	95¼
Amer Stores	44¼	45¼
Amer T & T	62	60¼
Ameritech	83¼	83¼
Amoco	56¼	57¼
Anheuser-Busch	47	47
Apple Computer	26¼	26¼
Archer Daniels	22¼	22¼
Arkla	8¼	8¼
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	37¼	37¼
Asarco	19¼	19¼
Ashland Oil	32¼	32¼
Atl Richfield	115¼	114¼
Auto Data Pro	48¼	48¼
Avery Dennison	29¼	29¼
Avon Products	58¼	58¼
Baker Hughes	27¼	28
Baltim Gas & El	27¼	27
Banc One	52¼	52¼
BankAmerica	46¼	46¼
Bank of NY	52¼	53¼
Bankers Tr NY	78¼	78¼
Barnett Banks	46¼	46¼
Bausch & Lomb	46¼	47
Baxter Intl	26¼	26¼
Bectn Dicknsn	36¼	36¼
Bell Atlantic	61¼	61¼
BellSouth	57¼	57¼
Black & Decker	20¼	20¼
Block (H&R)	40¼	39¼
Boeing	38¼	39
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	17¼	17
Bristol Myrs Sq	55¼	55¼
Browning Ferris	23¼	23¼
Burlington Nthn	54¼	54¼
CBS	243¼	246¼
CNA Financial	87¼	87¼
CPC Intl	41¼	44¼
CSX	77¼	78¼
Campbell Soup	38	38¼
Can Pacific	15¼	15¼
Cptl Cities ABC	503¼	501¼
Cptl Holdings	41¼	42
Carolina Pwr	33¼	33¼
Caterpillar	82¼	82¼
Central & SW	32¼	32¼
Champion Intl	32¼	33
Chase Manhat	34¼	34¼
Chemical Bk	40¼	40¼
Chevron Corp	91¼	92¼
Chrysler	43¼	42¼
Chubb Corp	90¼	90¼
Cigna Corp	64	63¼
Citicorp	33¼	33¼
Clorox	51¼	52¼
Coastal Corp	29	29
Coca Cola	42¼	43
Colgate-Palmolive	51¼	51¼
Columbia Gas	25¼	25¼
Commonw Ed	30¼	30¼
Compaq Comp	52¼	52¼
Comp Ass Int	29¼	29¼
Conagra	24¼	24¼
Cons Edison	36¼	36¼
Cons Nat Gas	54¼	54¼
Cons Rail	53¼	53¼
Cooper Inds	51¼	51¼
Corning Inc	32	32¼
Crown Cork	34¼	35¼
Dana Corp	53¼	54¼
Dayton Hudson	67¼	68
Deere	74¼	73¼
Delta Air Lines	54¼	54¼
Deluxe Corp	36¼	36¼
Detroit Edison	35¼	35¼
Digital Equip	40¼	39¼
Dillard Dept St	37¼	37¼
Disney (Walt)	40¼	39¼
Dominion Res	47¼	47¼
Donelley (RR)	30¼	30¼
Dover Corp	52¼	52¼
Dow Chemicals	60¼	61¼
Dow Jones	31¼	32¼
Dresser	23	23¼
Duke Power	41¼	42¼
Dun & Brdstreet	63¼	62¼
Du Pont	48¼	48¼
Eastman Kodak	61¼	61¼
Eaton Corp	47¼	48¼

	Aug 27 midday	Aug 26 close
Emerson Elec	60¼	60¼
Engelhard Corp	41	40¼
Enron Corp	35¼	36¼
Entergy Corp	39	38¼
Ethyl Corp	18¼	18¼
Exxon	66	66¼
FMC Corp	49¼	49¼
FPL Group	39	39
Federal Express	59¼	59¼
Fed Nat Mtge	79¼	80¼
Fin Chicago	46	45¼
First Interstate	60¼	61
First Union Rlty	10¼	10¼
Fleet Finl Grp	31¼	31¼
Fluor Corp	44¼	44¼
Ford Motor	51¼	52¼
GTE Corp	36¼	36¼
Gannett	51¼	51
Gap Inc Del	28¼	28¼
Gen Dynamics	94¼	94¼
Gen Electric	96¼	98¼
Gen Mills	62¼	62¼
Gen Motors	47	47¼
Gen Reinsurance	130¼	130¼
Gen Signal	32¼	32¼
Genuine Parts	36¼	36¼
Georgia Pac	63	63¼
Gillette	53¼	53¼
Glaxo ADR	17¼	17¼
Goodrich (BF)	47¼	47¼
Goodyear Tire	41¼	41¼
Grace (W&R)	39¼	39¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	28¼	28¼
Great Wstn Fin	17¼	17¼
Halliburton	39¼	39¼
Harcourt General	42¼	42¼
Heinz (HJ)	37¼	37¼
Hercules	85¼	85¼
Hershey Foods	47¼	47¼
Hewlett Packard	74	73¼
Hilton Hotels	46¼	46¼
Home Depot	40¼	40¼
Homestake Mng	19	19
Honeywell	37¼	38¼
Household Intl	76¼	76¼
Houston Inds	46¼	46¼
Humana	12¼	13¼
ITT Corp	93¼	93¼
Illinois Tool	39¼	39¼
INCO	20¼	21
Ingersoll Rand	37¼	38
Inland Steel	27¼	27¼
Intel Corp	63	63¼
IBM	44¼	44
Intl Flav & Fr	114¼	114¼
Intl Paper	65¼	66¼
James River Va	21	20¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40¼	40¼
K Mart	22¼	22¼
Kellogg	50¼	51¼
Kerr-McGee	55¼	55¼
Kimberly-Clark	48	48¼
Knight-Ridder	54¼	55
Lilly (Eli)	47	47¼
Limited Inc	22¼	22¼
Lin Brdcsting	119	119¼
Lincoln Nat	45¼	45¼
Litton	65¼	66¼
Liz Claiborne	23¼	23¼
Lockheed Corp	61¼	61
Louisiana Pac	35¼	35¼
MCI Commun	26¼	27
Marriott	29	28¼
Marsh & McLen	89¼	90
Masco Corp	31¼	31¼
May Dept St	41¼	41¼
Maytag Corp	16¼	17¼
McCaw Cellular	56¼	55¼
McDonalds	54	54¼
McDonnell D	80	79¼
McGraw Hill	69¼	69
Mead Corp	46¼	46¼
Medtronic	63¼	64¼
Mellon Bk	57¼	58¼
Melville Corp	46¼	46¼
Merck Inc	32¼	32¼
Merrill Lynch	95¼	94¼
Minnesota Mine	108¼	108¼
Mobil Corp	77¼	78¼
Monsanto	65¼	65¼
Morgan (JP)	75¼	75¼
Motorola Inc	96	94¼
Natl Medical	8¼	11¼
Natl Semi	18¼	18
Natl Service Ind	25¼	25¼
Navistar Int	23¼	23¼
NBD Bancorp	32¼	32¼
NY Times A	24	24¼
Newmont Mng	49¼	50
Niag Mohawk	24¼	24¼
Nike B	54	54¼
NL Industries	4¼	5
Nordstrom	30¼	31¼
Norfolk Sthrn	68¼	69¼
Nthn State Pwr	46¼	47
Norwest Corp	26¼	26¼
Nynex Corp	89¼	89¼
Occidental Pet	21¼	21¼
Ohio Edison	25¼	25¼
Oracle Systems	51¼	50¼

	Aug 27 midday	Aug 26 close
Oryx Energy Co	23¼	23¼
Owens Corning	43	43
PNC Financial	30	30¼
PPG Industries	68¼	68¼
Paccar Inc	63	62¼
Pacificorp	19¼	19¼
Pac Enterprises	26¼	26¼
Pac Gas & Elec	36¼	36¼
Pac Telesis	53¼	53¼
Pall Corp	17¼	17¼
Panhandle East	25¼	26¼
Paramnt Comm	55	54¼
Parker Hannifin	34¼	34¼
Penney (JC)	44¼	45¼
Pennzoil	69¼	69¼
Pepsico	39¼	38¼
Pfizer	63¼	63¼
Phelps Dodge	47	47¼
Philadel Elec	32¼	32¼
Philip Morris	48¼	48¼
Phillips Pet	33	33¼
Pitney Bowes	39¼	41¼
Polaroid	38	38¼
Price Co	35¼	35¼
Primerica	58¼	58¼
Procter & Gmbl	47¼	47¼
Pub Serv E & G	36	36
Quaker Oats	67¼	67¼
Ralston Purina	37¼	37¼
Raychem Corp	40¼	40¼
Raytheon	63	63¼
Reebok Intl	23¼	23¼
Reynolds Metals	51¼	51¼
Roadway Srvcs	59¼	58¼
Rockwell Intl	36¼	36¼
Rohm & Haas	54¼	54¼
Royal Dutch	100¼	100¼
Rubbermaid	32¼	32¼
Safeco Corp	64¼	64¼
St Paul's Cos	90¼	91¼
Salomon Inc	49¼	49¼
Santa Fe Pac	18¼	18¼
Sara Lee Corp	26¼	26¼
Seecorp	24¼	24¼
Schering Plough	60	60¼
Schlumberger	66¼	66
Scott Paper	34¼	34¼
Seagram	27¼	27¼
Sears Roebuck	52	52¼
Shell Trans	60¼	61¼
Sherwin Wlms	33¼	33¼
Skyline Corp	18¼	18¼
Snap-On-Tools	42¼	42¼
Southern Co	43¼	44¼
Sthwestern Bell	43¼	44¼
Sprint Corp	37	36¼
Stanley Works	41¼	42¼
Sun Company	28¼	27¼
Suntrust	43¼	44
Supervalu	36¼	36¼
Syntex Corp	18	18¼
Sysco Corp	28¼	29¼
TRW Inc	65¼	65¼
Tandem Comp	8¼	8¼
Tandy Corp	29¼	29¼
Telecom Corp	3¼	3¼
Teledyne	24¼	23
Temple Inland	42¼	42¼
Tenneco	53¼	53¼
Texaco	65¼	65¼
Texas Inst	80¼	80¼
Texas Utilities	49	49¼
Textron	57	57¼
Time Warner	41	40¼
Times-Mirror	32¼	32¼
Timken	32¼	33¼
Torchmark	57¼	57¼
Toys R Us	39¼	39¼
Transamerica	59	59¼
Travelers Corp	34	34¼
Tribune	51¼	51¼
Tyco Labs	44¼	45¼
UAL Corp	147	149¼
UST Inc	27¼	27¼
USX Marathon	20¼	20¼
Unilever NV	104¼	104¼
Union Camp	46	46¼
Union Carbide	18¼	18¼
Union Pacific	65¼	66¼
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAir Group	15¼	15¼
USF&G Corp	18¼	18¼
US Life	41¼	41
US West	46¼	46¼
United Tech	57¼	57¼
Unocal Corp	29¼	29¼
Upjohn	27¼	27¼
VF Corp	46¼	46
WMX Tech	30¼	30¼
Wal-Mart Stores	25¼	25¼
Warner-Lambert	70	70¼
Wells Fargo	116¼	116¼
Westinghouse El	15¼	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	41¼	41¼
Whirlpool	66¼	66¼
Whitman	14¼	14¼
Winn Dixie	60¼	60¼
Woolworth	25	25
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39¼	38¼
Xerox	74¼	74¼

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	421.70	446.30	+3.50	...
Series Equity	536.30	567.60	+6.10	...
Series Prop Fd	409.90	433.80	-0.30	...
Series Fixed Int	321.80	340.60	+0.20	...
Series Money Fd	241.40	255.50	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	328.10	347.20	+3.00	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.32	18.34	+0.02	...
Bear	19.08	20.09	-0.02	...
Owl	19.13	20.14	-0.01	...
Bull	17.23	18.14	...	...
Stag	18.41	19.38	+0.12	...
Gilt Edged	18.66	18.66	-0.02	...
Deposit	15.26	15.26	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.08	24.30	+0.02	...
Bear	25.56	26.91	-0.03	...
Owl	25.58	26.93	-0.05	...
Bull	21.83	22.98	+0.01	...
Stag	22.70	23.90	-0.17	...
Gilt Edged	22.93	22.93	-0.02	...
Deposit	19.36	19.36	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	564.52	564.53	+1.39	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	339.02	356.87	+1.05	...
N Amer Equity	283.08	297.98	+0.83	...
Far East Equity	388.67	409.13	+0.81	...
Fixed	292.11	307.49	-0.29	...
Cash Deposit	196.44	206.78	+0.15	...
Property	132.42	139.39	+0.57	...
Special Opp	359.87	378.82	-7.35	...
Managed	295.31	310.86	-0.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	189.65	199.64	-0.38	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	258.90	272.50	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	455.40	479.40	-3.90	...
Equity Fd Inc	165.60	174.40	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	215.10	226.50	+1.00	...
Selective Fd	464.60	489.10	-2.90	...
Money Fd	360.70	379.70	-0.50	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	354.90	373.60	-3.10	...
Equity Ser 4	207.60	218.60	-0.70	...
Man Ser 4	634.90	668.40	-3.70	...
Conv Ser 4	315.80	332.50	+0.30	...
Money Ser 4	315.50	332.20	-0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	342.30	360.40	-2.50	...
American Ser 4	490.70	516.60	+3.30	...
High Inc Ser 4	637.70	671.30	-1.90	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	208.80	219.80	-1.40	...
Japan Ser 4	379.00	399.00	-3.40	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1495.4	1574.0	+3.00	...
European Fd Acc	327.00	344.20	-0.60	...
Fixed Int Acc	527.70	555.40	-4.90	...
Gtd Money Acc	320.60	337.50	-0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	560.20	589.60	+2.40	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	323.80	340.80	+2.40	...
Japan Fund	299.30	314.90	-0.30	...
N American Acc	311.70	328.10	+3.40	...
Prop Fd Acc	371.90	391.40	-0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	989.90	1041.9	+2.80	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	357.10	375.90	-0.30	...
Equity Acc	1322.5	1392.2	+6.20	...
Property Acc	480.20	505.50	-0.50	...
Far East Acc	274.60	289.10	-1.10	...
Managed Capital	514.20	541.30	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	1020.4	1074.2	+4.50	...
Overseas Acc	893.10	940.20	+1.50	...
Gilt Edged Acc	465.30	489.80	+2.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	715.30	753.00	+4.00	...
Amer Man Acc	306.40	322.60	-1.60	...
Amer Prop Acc	115.00	121.10	+0.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	141.70	149.10	+1.40	...
Balcred Ser 5	659.20	693.90	+3.60	...
Opportunity Ser 5	148.90	156.70	-0.10	...
Distribution Ser 5	101.30	106.60	+0.50	...
UK Equities Ser 5	911.40	959.30	+2.00	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	977.50	1028.9	-2.40	...
North Amer Ser 5	417.50	439.40	-1.50	...
Far East Ser 5	571.30	590.30	+8.40	...
Europe Ser 5	372.80	392.30	+3.00	...
Intnl Ser 5	524.60	551.90	+1.80	...
Property Ser 5	458.80	482.90	-0.60	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	407.30	428.70	+1.30	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	179.20	188.60	+1.40	...
Gtred Dep Ser 5	284.60	299.60	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	795.20	837.10	+4.30	...
-do- Initial	548.90	577.80	+1.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	383.00	403.20	+0.60	...
-do- Initial	266.70	280.80	-0.20	...
International Acc	375.60	395.40	+1.00	...
-do- Initial	259.80	273.50	-0.10	...
Managed Acc	492.50	518.50	+2.00	...
-do- Initial	341.60	359.60	+0.40	...
Money Acc	279.50	294.30	+0.20	...
Property Acc	247.70	260.80	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	170.70	179.70	...	...
America Acc	275.50	290.00	-1.00	...
Australia Acc	187.50	197.40	-2.40	...
Financial Acc	301.50	317.40	-1.40	...
500 Accum	415.70	437.60	+3.60	...
Japan Genl Acc	376.60	396.50	+3.10	...
Income Acc	498.90	525.20	-1.30	...
Leisure Acc	208.30	219.30	+2.20	...
Special Sits Acc	219.80	231.40	+1.30	...
Univ Tech Acc	143.90	151.50	+0.70	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	759.64	759.64	+3.45	...
Income Fund	729.82	768.24	+1.06	...
Extra Income	670.22	705.50	+3.87	...
Worldwide Gth	470.05	494.79	+2.95	...
Balanced Fund	628.79	661.89	+0.96	...
Smllr Cos Recov	631.41	664.65	+6.95	...
N Amer & Genrl	372.10	391.69	+7.64	...
Pacific Basin	376.28	396.09	+5.76	...
German Growth	215.57	226.92	-0.77	...
Japan Growth	184.34	194.05	-2.78	...
The UK Gth Fd	197.07	207.45	+0.25	...
Contl Euro Gth	116.95	123.11	+1.04	...
Property Fund	348.40	366.74	-0.68	...
Fixed Interest	310.29	326.63	-1.05	...
Cash Fund	272.26	286.59	+0.15	...
Managed Inv	463.00	487.37	+2.08	...
Nth Amer Recov	247.45	260.48	+6.69	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	438.66	461.75	+4.00	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	151.60	160.40	+1.00	...
Performance Plus	149.00	157.60	+0.30	...
With Profit Perf	163.30	172.80	+0.10	...
UK Opportunity	170.50	180.40	-2.10	...
Euro Opportunity	194.70	206.00	-1.90	...
North Amer Opp	145.60	154.00	+3.60	...
Far East Opp	171.00	180.90	+0.30	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	142.50	150.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	156.60	165.70	+1.00	...
Fixed Int	183.60	194.20	-0.90	...
Cash	150.20	158.90	+0.10	...
Overseas	171.80	181.70	-1.00	...
CANADA LIFE 24 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	1238.60	...	...	...
Managed	311.00	327.40	+0.60	...
Property	199.20	209.70	+0.30	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	239.20	251.90	-0.60	...
Index-Linked	181.80	191.50	-0.80	...
Equity	343.70	361.90	+1.50	...
Cash	209.40	220.40	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mxd	330.80	348.30	+0.60	...
CLife Intl Fd	351.90	370.50	-0.50	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£120.60	...	-0.70	...
Property Units	£25.64	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£63.11	£66.78	-0.32	...
2nd Equity Acc	609.30	641.80	+2.40	...
2nd High Inc Ac	582.50	616.40	-1.70	...
2nd Property Acc	236.80	250.60	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	179.00	189.40	+0.50	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	449.50	475.70	...	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	218.10	230.80	...	...
2nd Deposit Acc	270.30	286.00	+0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	300.00	317.50	-1.70	...
2nd Amer Acc	644.60	682.10	-6.40	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	254.40	269.20	-0.10	...
2nd Index Acc	197.30	208.80	-0.50	...
2nd Far East Acc	416.90	441.20	-4.20	...
2nd Global Acc	168.00	177.80	...	...
2nd Euro Acc	148.70	157.40	-0.60	...
2nd Japan Acc	216.80	229.40	+1.30	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.60	72.60	...	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	159.10	168.40	+1.40	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	122.70	129.80	+0.10	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU 0908 606101				
Property Fund	176.40	186.20	...	...
Managed Fund	583.40	614.20	-2.30	...
Equity Fund	330.40	347.80	+1.50	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	271.70	286.10	+1.50	...
Ruby	157.70	166.10	+0.80	...
Emerald	141.60	149.10	+1.00	...
Equity	309.30	325.60	+1.90	...
Property	189.20	199.20	-0.50	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	208.30	219.30	+1.60	...
Indexed Secs	165.30	174.00	+1.40	...
Cash	179.00	189.10	+0.20	...
Nth American	206.90	217.90	+1.00	...
Far East	272.20	286.60	-1.10	...
International	221.60	233.30	+1.50	...
Special Sits	303.70	319.70	-1.80	...
Intl Income	278.20	292.90	-1.90	...
American Inc	182.90	192.60	+2.00	...
European	275.00	290.20	-1.90	...
Japanese	159.00	167.40	+4.30	...
SE Asia	293.40	308.90	-1.70	...
With Profits Reg	150.10	158.10	+0.30	...
-do- Spec	150.10	158.10	+0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	301.60	317.50	+1.90	...
Equity	355.80	374.60	+2.20	...
Property	174.30	183.50	+0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	254.00	267.40	+3.20	...
Index Linked	174.20	183.50	+1.20	...
Cash	236.00	248.50	+0.40	...
Nth American	259.60	273.30	+1.90	...
Far East Acc	326.10	343.30	-3.80	...
International Acc	279.10	293.80	+1.40	...
Special Sits	450.30	474.10	+1.50	...
European Flex	378.70	398.70	-0.40	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 890 000				
(Units) Key	£215.31	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£298.64	...	...	...
-do- Cash	196.81	207.17	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	510.27	537.13	+4.70	...
-do- Fxd Int	361.39	380.41	+0.67	...
-do- Managed	368.95	388.37	+2.94	...
-do- Property	302.90	318.84	-1.00	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	206.05	216.91	+0.06	...
-do- Cash Inv	288.47	303.66	+0.25	...
-do- Equity Cap	1392.5	1465.6	-5.86	...
-do- Equity Inv	1949.3	2051.9	-6.82	...
-do- Fixed Cap	397.90	418.85	-0.66	...
-do- Fixed Inv	557.05	586.38	-0.52	...
-do- Index Cap	207.70	218.74	-0.52	...
-do- Index Inv	290.91	306.23	-0.52	...
Mngd Cap	555.42	584.66	-1.82	...
Mngd Inv	777.57	818.51	-1.99	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1861.86	...	+0.35	...
Var Ann (5)	189.50	...	+0.19	...
Prime Managed	382.90	403.10	+1.80	...
Prime UK Equity	460.50	484.80	+2.60	...
Prime Int Equity	289.30	304.60	+1.20	...
Prime Property	197.90	208.40	+0.30	...
Prime Fxd Int	243.40	256.30	+1.70	...
Prime Index-Lnk	172.80	181.90	+1.30	...
Prime Cash	197.20	207.60	+0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1076.9	1133.5	+18.40	...
Equity Fund	1530.8	1611.3	+21.30	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	566.90	596.70	+1.70	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	365.30	384.50	+1.90	...
Life Equity Acc	779.20	820.20	-1.50	...
Life Money Acc	291.00	306.30	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	758.10	797.90	+6.30	...
Life Intl Acc	487.20	512.80	+2.40	...
Life High Inc Acc	753.60	793.20	+1.00	...
Life Property Acc	214.90	226.20	-0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1138.3	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	667.50	702.60	+6.30	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	168.30	177.20	-0.20	...
Blue Chip Fund	233.70	246.00	-0.20	...
-do- Series 2	150.30	158.30	-0.20	...
Adventurous Fd	197.40	207.80	-0.70	...
-do- Series 2	148.50	156.40	-0.50	...
Performance Fd	239.60	252.30	-0.50	...
-do- Series 2	155.40	163.60	-0.40	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	143.60	151.20	-0.50	...
UK Equity Fund	150.70	158.70	+0.40	...
Property Fund	103.80	109.30	-0.10	...
Envrnmntl Opps	148.20	156.00	-0.60	...
Euro Fund	158.40	166.80	...	...
North Amer Fd	183.00	192.70	+0.80	...
Oriental Ops	171.80	180.90	...	...
Japanese Fund	131.30	138.30	+1.10	...
Bd & West Life	116.40	122.60	-0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	127.50	134.30	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	260.30	269.70	-1.00	3.39
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	288.90	304.20	-1.90	...
UK Equity	387.60	408.10	+2.80	...
Stewardship	331.20	348.70	+3.40	...
Overseas Equity	257.90	271.50	+1.50	...
North American	141.40	148.90	-1.00	...
Pacific Basin	145.90	153.50	+0.90	...
European	184.30	194.00	+0.20	...
Property	186.90	196.80	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	228.40	240.50	+1.30	...
Index Linked	164.00	172.70	+1.10	...
Cash	192.10	202.20	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	330.90	348.40	+4.90	...
GT Plan Wwide	494.30	520.40	-5.60	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	194.20	204.30	+0.90	...
Unitised Profit	124.00	130.40	-0.20	...
UK Equity	263.90	277.80	+1.20	...
Fixed Int	195.60	205.80	+2.10	...
Index-Linked	165.00	173.60	+1.20	...
Cash Deposit	168.10	176.90	+0.20	...
Property	166.30	175.00	+0.50	...
International	173.10	182.10	+0.80	...
American	150.70	158.50	+0.50	...
Japan	256.30	269.70	+1.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	262.90	276.60	+3.50	...
European	166.90	175.60	+1.30	...
Pacific Fund	229.40	241.40	-0.70	...
Conv Life	136.80	143.90	+0.30	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	679.30	679.30	+0.80	...
-do- Inv A	679.30	715.10	+0.90	...
UK Equity	393.10	413.90	+0.70	...
Gilt Plus	206.40	217.40	+0.50	...
Managed	297.20	312.90	+0.40	...
Inter Man	264.70	278.60	+0.50	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	678.00	714.40	+4.50	...
Money Fund	304.50	320.50	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	579.30	610.40	+4.50	...
Fixed Interest	279.40	294.40	-0.70	...
Property Fund	337.40	355.50	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	542.50	572.10	+1.10	...
Income	720.70	759.40	+4.20	...
International Gth	582.40	613.70	-0.30	...
Capital Fund	598.60	630.90	-7.50	...
Recovery Fund	590.10	621.80	+4.60	...
Japan & General	286.90	302.30	-3.50	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	650.60	677.70	...	...
Managed Initial	457.30	481.40	+3.20	...
-do- Acc	633.70	667.10	+4.80	...
Equity Initial	666.60	701.70	+5.40	...
-do- Acc	923.70	972.30	+7.80	...
Fixed Int Initial	440.60	463.80	+3.30	...
-do- Acc	610.60	642.70	+4.90	...
Intl Initial	447.30	470.80	+4.90	...
-do- Acc	619.80	652.40	+7.00	...
Nth Amer Initial	179.30	188.70	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	226.10	238.00	+1.90	...
Pacific Initial	238.10	250.50	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	297.40	313.00	-0.50	...
Property Initial	150.90	158.80	...	...
-do- Acc	208.70	219.70	...	...
Index-Lnkd Init	163.00	171.60	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	205.60	216.40	+1.70	...
Deposit Initial	194.10	204.40	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	269.00	283.20	+0.30	...
Euro Initial	92.10	97.00	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	107.40	113.00	+1.90	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	156.20	164.40	...	...
-do- Pens	189.10	199.00	...	...
UK Equity	154.40	162.50	-0.10	...
-do- Pens	173.10	182.20	-0.20	...
International	140.50	147.80	+1.00	...
-do- Pens	153.80	161.80	+1.30	...
Deposit	134.90	142.00	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	157.40	165.60	-0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	369.50	393.10	+1.00	...
North America	325.00	345.80	+0.90	...
Far East Fund	568.80	605.20	-9.80	...
Global Managed	445.30	473.80	+5.20	...
Deposit Fund	220.60	232.30	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	124.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	238.70	254.00	+2.80	...
Fixed Interest	71.00	75.60	+0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	486.80	515.20	-2.30	...
British Fund	488.50	517.00	-0.80	...
International	486.70	515.10	+1.40	...
Dollar Fund	355.50	376.20	...	...
Capital Fund	442.50	468.30	+2.60	...
Income Fund	670.60	709.70	+0.50	...
Property Series A	388.70	411.40	-0.90	...
Property Units	630.20	661.80	+1.50	...
Financial Fund	537.80	569.20	+2.00	...
Managed Ser A	514.80	544.80	+3.40	...
-do- C	275.40	292.00	...	...
Managed Units	920.40	968.90	+6.10	...
High Yield Fund	650.50	688.40	+0.40	...
Money Series A	276.50	292.60	+0.20	...
Money Units	364.60	383.80	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	584.00	618.00	+3.70	...
Fixed Interest	379.60	401.70	+5.80	...
Indexed Secs	182.60	193.30	+1.40	...
European Fund	678.40	717.90	+4.70	...
Natural Res	266.00	281.50	-0.50	...
Far East Fund	597.50	632.30	+6.30	...
Smaller Cos	456.90	483.50	+5.50	...
Special Sits	430.30	455.40	+0.70	...
Man Currency	252.60	267.40	-0.40	...
Japanese Tech	267.50	283.10	-2.90	...
US Smaller Cos	220.50	233.40	-1.30	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	524.20	551.80	+3.00	...
Global Property	256.70	270.20	...	...
Global Fixed Int	507.90	534.60	...	...
Global Equity	557.20	586.50	+3.10	...
Global Cash	204.90	215.70	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	479.40	504.60	+0.20	...
Property	429.00	451.60	+3.40	...
Managed	405.40	426.70	+2.90	...
American	390.30	410.80	+4.70	...
UK Equity Fd	433.20	456.00	+2.30	...
Japan	224.80	236.60	-1.60	...
Index-Lkd	182.10	191.70	+0.40	...
High Yield	820.10	863.30	-4.00	...
Growth Cap	434.10	457.00	-0.50	...
Money	386.70	407.10	+0.20	...
International	375.40	395.20	+2.30	...
Henderson Active	209.00	220.00	-0.80	...
Perpetual Active	307.20	323.40	-0.80	...
Growth Cap	434.10	457.00	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	632.60	665.90	+3.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.00	142.20	...	...
-do- Acc	178.90	188.40	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	136.80	144.00	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	163.10	171.70	+0.70	...
Cash Initial	167.10	175.90	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	276.40	291.00	+0.30	...
Equity Initial	632.00	665.30	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	1045.1	1100.2	+5.10	...
Fixed Initial	360.70	379.70	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	596.50	627.90	+2.80	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	138.40	145.70	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	195.30	205.60	+1.40	...
Intl Initial	335.50	353.20	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	546.20	575.00	+3.40	...
Managed Initial	469.00	493.70	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	775.50	816.40	-13.40	...
Property Initial	188.80	198.80	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	312.20	328.70	-0.30	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	341.50	359.50	+1.60	...
UK Equity	563.00	592.70	+3.70	...
Property	279.00	293.70	...	...
Money Market	242.80	255.60	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	321.40	338.40	+3.30	...
Japan	417.90	439.90	+2.50	...
North America	155.70	163.90	+0.10	...
International	286.90	302.00	+0.40	...
European	254.80	268.30	-0.90	...
Far East	129.60	136.50	+1.30	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£868.40	...	+3.90	...
Fixed Interest	£404.10	...	-0.40	...
Property	£346.70	...	+0.40	...
Deposit	£279.80	...	+0.10	...
Mixed	£564.50	...	+2.10	...
Indexed Stock	£210.00	...	-0.10	...
International	£275.50	...	+1.30	...
Equity A	£201.90	...	+0.90	...
Fixed Int A	£179.60	...	-0.20	...
Property A	£152.70	...	+0.10	...
Deposit A	£164.80	...	-0.10	...
Mixed A	£185.90	...	+0.70	...
Index Stock A	£164.80	...	...	...
International A	£172.50	...	+0.80	...
Equity P	£712.10	...	+3.70	...
Fixed Int P	£522.50	...	+0.10	...
Property P	£276.00	...	+0.40	...
Deposit P	£325.10	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£515.70	...	+2.40	...
Index Stock P	£239.10	...	+0.50	...
International P	£316.40	...	+1.60	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£587.60	...	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	£928.90	...	+2.20	...
Property Cap	£155.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£238.30	...	+0.10	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£208.00	...	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	£319.10	...	-1.20	...
Equity Cap	£314.60	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£488.00	...	+1.30	...
Internatl Cap	£235.70	...	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	£362.30	...	+4.50	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£169.40	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£257.10	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£345.30	...	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	£534.90	...	+2.30	...
Moneymaker Fd	£421.10	...	+1.20	...
Capital Growth	£1560.3	...	+7.00	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	390.90	410.50	-2.40	...
Amer Rec Bond	453.00	475.70	+0.80	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	220.60	231.70	-0.30	...
Australasia Bd	206.70	217.10	-3.40	...
Commodity Bond	261.80	275.00	+1.50	...
Deposit Bond Acc	347.90	365.40	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1384.9	1454.2	-0.30	...
European Bd Acc	330.30	346.90	+4.40	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	678.20	712.20	+1.80	...
Far East Bd Acc	283.90	298.20	+1.40	...
Gilt Bond Acc	446.20	468.60	-1.40	...
Gold Bond Acc	140.20	147.30	-0.30	...
High Yield Bond	337.40	354.30	+2.80	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	210.70	221.30	-0.40	...
International Bd	706.40	741.80	+5.70	...
Japan Bond Acc	289.40	304.00	+5.00	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	260.80	273.90	+4.20	...
Managed Bonds	829.50	871.50	-5.70	...
Prop Bond Acc	302.00	317.20	-0.80	...
Rec Bond Acc	711.20	746.90	+1.80	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	222.10	233.80	+1.30	...
UK Equity Acc	299.70	315.50	+2.10	...
Special Sits	91.10	95.90	+0.30	...
Special Sits Acc	123.00	129.50	+0.50	...
North American	178.90	188.40	+0.80	...
N American Acc	241.30	254.30	+1.20	...
Pacific Basin	359.50	378.50	+3.40	...
Pacific Basin Acc	485.10	510.70	+5.00	...
Fixed Interest	299.20	315.00	+1.00	...
Fixed Interest Acc	404.20	425.50	+1.50	...
Property	152.90	161.00	...	...
Property Acc	206.60	217.50	+0.20	...
Deposit	151.90	159.90	...	...
Deposit Acc	205.60	216.50	+0.20	...
Managed	254.70	268.20	+1.50	...
Managed Acc	316.80	333.50	+2.00	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	676.10	711.70	+3.70	...
Property Fund	478.60	503.80	+1.50	...
Equity Fund	845.00	889.50	+6.60	...
Gilt Edged Fd	612.40	644.60	+0.60	...
Deposit Fund	317.30	334.00	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	357.90	375.80	+2.40	...
International	550.60	579.60	+2.70	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 206366 Prices: 051 709 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	400.30	421.30	+2.60	...
Equity Bond	325.00	342.10	-0.50	...
Money Mrkt Bd	565.00	594.70	-0.10	...
Deposit Fund	364.40	383.50	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	461.50	485.70	+1.70	...
Intl Equity	551.00	580.00	+3.10	...
Intl Managed	518.40	545.60	+3.10	...
North American	205.10	215.80	+1.60	...
Far East	412.70	434.40	-2.00	...
Intl Currency	263.20	277.00	+2.10	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	139.10	146.40	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	532.40	560.40	-1.70	...
Managed	661.70	696.50	-0.20	...
Deposit	326.20	343.30	+1.10	...
Property	378.90	398.80	+0.60	...
American	406.20	427.50	-15.10	...
Australian	473.70	498.60	+6.60	...
European	486.50	512.10	+4.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	258.80	272.40	-0.70	...
Global Managed	134.10	141.10	-0.10	...
Income Acc	741.10	780.10	-4.50	...
-do- Dist	471.70	496.50	-3.00	4.79
International	303.50	319.40	+2.50	...
Japan Smaller	530.00	557.80	-3.00	...
Singapore & Mal	332.10	349.50	+24.70	...
Smaller Cos	377.30	397.10	+14.40	...
Tokyo Fund	703.30	740.30	-6.50	...
UK Equity	571.70	601.70	-6.10	...
CCM Vangd Mg	699.80	736.60	+3.00	...
Equity Pens Cap	944.30	994.00	-1.70	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	453.00	476.90	+3.30	...
UK Equity	568.10	598.10	+3.20	...
Overseas Equity	447.50	471.10	+5.00	...
American	397.30	418.30	+7.10	...
Far East	500.60	527.00	+2.50	...
Property	198.00	208.50	-1.70	...
Fixed Interest	357.20	376.10	-3.10	...
Indexed Gilt	227.40	239.40	-1.70	...
Deposit	207.60	218.60	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1312.6	1381.7	+7.80	...
Eqity Fund	2871.5	3022.6	+17.90	...
Property Fd	456.70	480.70	-1.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	590.70	621.80	+4.70	...
Deposit Fund	332.50	350.00	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	222.60	234.30	+1.10	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	148.10	155.90	+3.40	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	281.80	296.70	+6.50	...
Inv Equity	1153.2	1213.9	+7.50	...
Inv Managed	800.20	842.30	+4.90	...
Ret Managed	890.60	937.50	+5.30	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	753.60	801.80	+4.70	...
Cash Fund	325.10	342.60	+0.30	...
Property Fund	225.70	240.20	+0.70	...
Equity Fund	867.50	922.90	+7.30	...
Fxd Interest Fund	453.50	477.00	+1.40	...
International	387.30	412.10	+3.80	...
High Income	687.00	730.90	+2.20	...
Far East	525.00	558.60	-1.80	...
North American	317.30	590.40	+4.80	...
Special Sits	613.10	652.30	+4.70	...
Technology	489.00	520.30	-0.30	...
Extra Income Fd	368.50	388.90	+1.00	...
Gilt Fund	467.80	497.70	...	...
European	142.30	151.40	+2.10	...
Adventurous Mg	201.00	211.60	+1.10	...
Secure Mgd	140.10	149.10	+0.80	...
Equity Inc Dist	119.00	126.60	+1.00	4.97
North American	111.30	118.50	+0.80	5.56
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 766988				
Equity Fund Acc	282.80	298.40	+0.40	...
Fxd Interest Acc	236.20	249.20	+2.20	...
International Acc	242.80	256.20	-1.40	...
Managed Acc	211.60	223.20	+1.70	...
Property Acc	220.90	233.10	-0.10	...
Money Acc	147.90	156.10	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	206.10	217.50	-0.60	...
Japan Equity Acc	134.50	141.90	+2.20	...
N Amer Acc	160.60	169.50	+2.40	...
Pacific Acc	149.60	157.90	+0.90	...
European Acc	150.80	159.10	+0.90	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739080				
Managed Ord	444.00	467.40	+1.20	...
Managed Initial	312.10	328.50	+0.60	...
Equity Ord	672.70	708.10	+1.90	...
Equity Init	472.80	497.70	+1.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	202.90	213.60	+1.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	149.00	156.80	+1.00	...
Oseas Equity Ord	355.60	374.30	+0.50	...
Oseas Equity Init	249.90	263.10	+0.30	...
Property Ord	233.00	245.30	+1.10	...
Property Init	163.70	172.30	+0.60	...
Fixed Int Ord	278.20	292.80	+1.40	...
Fixed Int Init	195.50	205.80	+0.90	...
Deposit Ord	198.00	208.40	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.20	146.50	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	318.60	331.90	+1.70	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	717.50	755.30	+3.00	...
Equity Fund	1401.8	1475.6	+7.00	...
Intl Fund	563.20	593.00	+2.10	...
Fixed Interest	573.40	603.60	+3.40	...
Property Fund	376.70	396.60	...	...
Cash Fund	351.30	369.80	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	319.20	336.00	-1.40	...
N American Fd	226.30	238.30	+1.10	...
Euro Fund	243.20	256.00	+2.90	...
Balanced Fund	144.40	152.00	+0.50	...
Strategic Fund	150.10	158.00	+0.70	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£489.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	438.70	461.90	...	...
Op Prop	420.80	443.00	+1.80	...
Op Equity	935.30	984.60	+0.10	...
Op High Yield	577.20	607.60	+7.40	...
Op Managed	781.00	822.20	-1.40	...
Op Deposit	377.00	396.90	...	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Int Gth	308.40	324.70	-0.20	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	265.50	279.50	+6.40	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	245.60	258.80	+1.00	...
Gilt	81.20	85.50	...	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	361.60	380.70	-1.30	...
Global Bond	117.70	123.90	+0.60	...
Global (35.34)	165.40	174.20	+0.70	...
Gold Share	74.60	78.60	-2.10	...
High Income	299.60	315.40	+0.70	...
Income	431.70	454.50	+3.20	...
Japan	435.90	458.90	+6.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	305.70	321.80	+2.40	...
Mngd Growth	432.30	455.10	+0.30	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	915.40	968.60	+4.90	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	365.90	385.10	+1.90	...
Equity Fund	510.90	537.70	+1.30	...
Property Fund	261.20	274.90	+1.00	...
International	445.10	468.50	-0.10	...
Pacific Basin	288.80	304.00	-2.00	...
United States	233.30	245.50	+5.00	...
Gilt Fund	360.00	378.90	+4.00	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	700.40	741.20	-0.10	...
Deposit Fund (2)	353.10	373.70	+0.30	...
Gilt Fund	507.40	537.00	-0.60	...
Global Equity Fd	217.80	230.50	+0.40	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	140.90	149.10	+0.40	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	551.80	580.90	+3.10	...
Fixed Interest	363.70	382.90	-2.70	...
Index-Linked	197.40	207.80	+1.30	...
International	435.50	458.50	+8.30	...
Property	243.70	256.50	-9.00	...
Cash	221.90	233.60	+0.30	...
Managed	437.20	460.30	+3.50	...
Cap Gteed Bd	106.10	111.70	+1.30	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	173.95	183.10	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	160.20	168.60	+0.70	...
Fixed Interest	181.90	191.50	+1.00	...
Mixed	241.50	254.20	+2.10	...
UK Equity	228.60	240.70	+0.80	...
International	243.30	256.10	+2.10	...
American	240.40	253.10	+2.40	...
Japan	258.70	272.40	+5.40	...
European	227.40	239.40	+0.40	...
Pacific	339.70	357.60	+3.90	...
Technology	315.70	332.30	+1.80	...
Currncy/Currncy	226.50	238.40	-0.80	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	180.00	189.60	+0.20	...
UK Equity	342.10	360.20	+4.40	...
American	243.30	256.20	+3.80	...
Pacific	333.30	351.00	+3.10	...
European	434.50	457.50	+4.60	...
International	294.30	309.90	+3.40	...
Fixed Interest	244.60	257.50	+2.40	...
Index Linked	196.70	207.20	+1.70	...
Deposit	186.30	196.20	+0.10	...
Managed	272.90	287.40	+3.10	...
Worldwide	119.00	125.40	+0.40	...
Pen Worldwide	125.70	132.40	+0.40	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (45)	1552.9	1600.9	...	...
Safety Fund	232.40	244.70	+2.90	...
Growth Fund	220.40	232.00	+2.80	...
Opportunity Fd	216.70	228.20	+2.10	...
Cash Fund	167.60	176.50	+0.10	...
European Fund	325.50	342.70	+6.80	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	199.50	210.00	+1.50	...
Index-Linked Fd	184.80	194.60	+1.60	...
International Fd	271.70	286.00	+3.90	...
North American	235.30	247.70	+3.00	...
Property Fund	117.10	123.30	+0.20	...
UK Equity	233.10	245.40	-2.00	...
UK Smaller	212.00	223.20	+3.10	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	253.00	266.50	+0.60	...
Equity	269.80	284.10	-0.60	...
International	264.40	278.40	+2.30	...
Property	196.80	207.30	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	218.20	229.70	+0.40	...
Index Linked	178.30	187.80	-0.60	...
Cash	180.30	189.90	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	908.50	908.50	+17.50	...
Inv Pol 2	828.30	872.00	+16.80	...
Inv Pol 3	796.80	838.80	+16.10	...
Inv Cash	300.40	316.30	+0.10	...
Mixed Fund	433.10	456.20	+2.70	...
Equity Fund	510.60	537.60	+4.80	...
Property Fund	207.00	218.00	+0.20	...
International Fd	455.10	479.70	+3.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	372.00	391.70	+0.40	...
Indexed Stock Fd	198.10	208.60	...	...
Cash Fund	218.80	230.40	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	354.70	373.30	-0.30	...
Equity Acc	403.20	424.40	-1.70	...
International Acc	332.70	350.20	+2.10	...
Property	208.50	219.40	-0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	229.80	241.80	-0.30	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	258.40	272.10	+0.10	...
Equity	953.90	1004.2	+6.20	...
European	153.70	161.80	+0.20	...
Far East	161.40	169.90	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	398.50	419.50	+3.20	...
Index Linked	206.40	217.30	+1.40	...
International	578.90	609.40	+0.40	...
Managed	666.40	701.50	+3.30	...
Nth American	141.50	149.00	+0.60	...
Property	314.20	330.80	+0.40	...
Pensions				
Cash	397.20	418.20	+0.30	...
Equity	1362.2	1433.9	+10.00	...
European	184.00	193.70	+0.70	...
Far East	127.40	134.20	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	533.90	562.00	+4.60	...
Index Linked	285.80	300.90	+2.00	...
International	811.30	854.00	+0.70	...
Managed	927.10	975.90	+5.30	...
Nth American	176.20	185.50	+0.40	...
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Stock Exchange	209.90	221.00	+1.20	...
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Equity Fund	828.30	871.90	+4.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	419.20	441.30	+3.00	...
Index-Linked Fd	303.80	319.80	+2.50	...
Property Fund	430.70	453.40	+3.60	...
International Fd	598.00	629.50	+4.30	...
N American Fd	228.40	240.50	+3.40	...
Far East Fund	209.20	220.30	+0.40	...
Deposit Fund	283.30	298.30	+0.30	...
International Bd	£81.19	...	+0.93	...
Worldwide Bond	162.90	171.50	-1.70	...
Worldwide Fincl	79.20	83.40	...	...
Worldwide Tech	94.20	99.20	+0.10	...
European	149.40	157.30	+1.10	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	609.00	641.20	-0.70	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	450.70	479.70	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£493.00	...	+4.10	...
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Equity Account	£1125.6	...	+38.30	...
Mngd Fund Acc	368.10	387.50	+10.00	...
Equity Fund Acc	495.50	521.60	+17.70	...
Prop Fund Acc	223.20	235.00	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	310.00	326.30	+7.70	...
Money Fund Acc	213.60	224.80	+0.20	...
Indx-Lnk Ses Ac	206.60	217.50	+0.60	...
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Pens Property	242.90	255.70	+0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	280.90	295.70	+0.40	...
Pens Intl	227.80	239.80	-2.60	...
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Pens Indx-Lnkd	194.20	204.40	-0.40	...
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Property Acc	313.30	329.80	+1.50	...
Equity Acc	1395.6	1469.1	-12.00	...
Fixed Int Acc	394.10	414.90	+3.40	...
Index-Linked Acc	203.00	213.70	+1.40	...
Cash Acc	297.00	312.70	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	338.50	356.40	+3.60	...
Japan Acc	324.00	341.10	-3.50	...
Pacific Acc	308.00	324.30	+3.90	...
Far Eastern Acc	756.60	796.50	+6.50	...
International Acc	539.90	568.40	+3.60	...
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Financial Ser 1	46.30	49.70	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	323.20	340.30	+1.10	...
Gold	84.60	89.10	-2.20	...
Managed	598.10	629.60	-12.70	...
Mngd Growth	189.50	199.50	+9.40	...
Mngd Opp	199.50	210.10	+9.70	...
Property	258.90	272.60	+4.40	...
Residential Prop	91.10	98.00	+0.20	...
TSB American	203.50	214.30	+1.00	...
TSB Brit Gwth	791.50	833.20	-1.50	...
TSB European	269.80	284.00	+5.40	...
TSB Income	386.70	407.10	+1.80	...
TSB Intl	403.40	424.70	+4.50	...
TSB Intl Inc	285.30	300.40	+2.50	...
TSB Pacific	370.20	389.70	+6.10	...
TSB Prem Inc	257.80	271.60	+0.90	...

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Units: the way to play a rising stock market?

This month's record unit trust figures could represent just a silly season for dissatisfied savers, or be the start of something bigger. **Liz Dolan** *reports*

The unit trust boom that started after Britain bowed out of the ERM last autumn is gathering pace. Unit trust companies report record figures so far this month, traditionally a time of low activity, there is as yet no sign of a diminution in enthusiasm as September approaches. According to unofficial estimates, net takings in August look ready to overtake the £948 million recorded for July. This compares with a net £59 million last August, and a £142 million deficit in July 1992.

The most obvious spur has been the almost indecently low returns available from bank and building society accounts, as interest rates languish at their lowest levels for more than 15 years.

This, coupled with the spectacular rise in the FT-SE 100 index over the past few months, plus a general feeling that the long-sought recovery in the UK economy is at last spluttering into life, has calmed private investor caution about equities, which has bedevilled unit trust investment since the 1987 crash.

Market commentators have been quick to soothe fears that private investors may once again be flooding in at the top of the market, only to be caught out by another collapse, as they were six years ago. Last time, although many professionals also got their fingers burnt, institutional investors had started to bale out when the crash came. But, says Philip Warland, chairman of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds: "The allegation that unit trust investors pile in as the institutions pile out doesn't appear to be true this time. From what I hear, the institutions are still buying at about the same rate as private investors."

Richard Kersley, UK strategist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, considers that many more private investors went into the 1987 market for purely speculative reasons than is the case this time. Today's exceptionally low interest rates, and lower inflation, supply additional protection, he says.

Mr Kersley forecasts that, after a pause for breath over the next few months, the FT-SE 100 is likely to have risen by another 400 or 500 points by the end of next year. The index stood at around 3,100 yesterday.

According to Mr Warland, the bulk of the money invested in unit trusts this year has flowed into income generators and funds that sheltered in personal equity plans (Peps). Although European stocks are now "Pep-able", most of the interest has been in UK trusts, probably because of the shaky state of many continental economies. He said: "The most popular funds are things like UK equity, balanced and general, with some interest shown in UK smaller companies."

At Fidelity, where business is running at twice last year's levels, Mary Blair, product development director, has a slightly different tale to tell. The more sophisticated Fidelity investor is now looking to Europe for recovery potential, she says. "We have pushed Europe quite hard recently because we think, with interest rates set to come down further, there's a lot of potential there and, as stock markets tend to precede recovery, now is the time to be in." Fidelity has been able to point to a very good long-term performance by its European trust as an added incentive.

Jane Blatchford of Schroders said: "We are doing tons of business in UK trusts. Most people really do seem to believe in the recovery." After a strong run, however, now might be the time to consider spreading into other areas, she says. "We are still very positive on UK smaller companies, and we are fairly positive on Europe now the Germans are starting to cut their rates." Schroders also takes in 22 per cent of all the money going into Japanese trusts, which have been particularly strong performers over the last year.



Institutions are still reported to be showing as much confidence in the rising market as private investors

Share deals hit the high street

THE unit trust market has widened considerably in recent years as high street banks and building societies moved into a world previously dominated by specialist players.

The Halifax, which set up a joint venture company with Standard Life three years ago, has boosted funds under management from £120 million at the end of 1992 to £215 million. Since acquiring Capel Cure Myers' Key Investments portfolio in December 1991 National & Provincial's unit trust funds have grown from £48 million to £174 million.

An N&P spokeswoman said: "We have brought a lot of new blood into the market. We have been able to convince customers who were a little bit scared of dealing with sophisticated unit trust companies that it's really quite a straightforward type of investment."

The fact that the minimum monthly payment into an N&P Pep plan was only £25 had attracted a lot of small savers she added. Last year, fewer than 10 per cent of the society's unit trust investors were regular savers; this year, the proportion has risen to nearly 20 per cent.

Only four building societies have so far entered the market — the others are the Woolwich and Northern Rock — but more are expected to take the plunge.

Barclays' unit trust arm, Barclays Unicorn, has been around for some time, but reports a significant growth in funds under management over the past year, from £2 billion to £3 billion, of which "probably half" is in Peps. Jain Castiau, head of marketing, said virtually all the money went into the income builder and general trusts, rather than the more narrowly based funds.

"Unlike many of our competitors, we express the belief that unit trusts are often a better investment than a long-term endowment policy," she says.

The Midland says its unit business has grown "incredibly fast" since its launch at the end of the 1980s. Takings in the six months to June were 200 per cent higher than for the period last year

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

How to use performance tables

"PAST performance is no guarantee of future success" is a maxim that has been ignored at many an investor's peril (Liz Dolan writes).

However, as historians are fond of pointing out, it is also folly to look to the future without taking into account what has happened in the past. Used alone, unit trust performance tables can give a heavily distorted picture of what is likely to happen; when studied in conjunction with other investment data, they can provide a useful guide to underlying patterns in the investment market.

For instance, a comparison between the top ten performers over the past year and over the past ten years shows just how dangerous it is to assess a unit trust on its most recent performance. Figures supplied by Micropal, the statistics group, show that four of the six worst performers over ten years were commodity and energy funds. However, measured over the past year alone, commodity and energy funds accounted for three of the top eight performing trusts.

At first sight, this may be seen to indicate that the commodity and energy sector is on the up. On further investigation, it transpires that all three funds were actually benefiting from a short-term outperformance by gold over the past few months. Gold funds are notorious for their volatility and have no place in the average unit trust investor's portfolio.

> 'It would appear that Japan is not a tremendously consistent performer'

The situation gets even more complicated when one considers a more mainstream sector, such as Japan. Over the past year, Japanese funds were the best overall performers. Over ten years, they beat every other sector out of sight. Japanese trusts would therefore appear to be the answer to an investor's prayer. However, the tables show a notably weak investment performance by Japanese trusts both over the past three, and the past five, years.

"It would therefore appear," says Micropal's Paul Barnes, with heavy understatement, "that Japan is not a tremendously consistent performer."

On the other hand, the Far East in general has proved a markedly good area for investment at any time over the past ten years, especially where trusts have excluded Japan. While even this excellent performance does not guarantee permanent success, it supplies a useful piece in the jigsaw.

Canny investors should also take careful note of those trusts whose performance has been notably different to the rest of their sector. But it is worth doing further research before signing up with a particularly strong performer.

The investment team may have left recently, or may have struck lucky in one particular, unrepeatable way. Significant underperformers should normally be left well alone, but a recent improvement brought about by changing the fund managers may not yet have shown up in the tables.

Creative commission men

Calculations are being done as I write. The insurance salesmen are sure they can get the right answer.

The figures will show that it is more tax-efficient for the buyers of endowment policies to pay commission than not to. In fact it may even be possible to convince some of the customers that commission is a good thing.

Now that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has decided salesmen will have to tell investors at the point of sale how much they will earn out of the deal, the calculators are whirring away to come up with acceptable ways of selling the commission to the customers.

Insurance companies know that investors do not like paying tax of any sort, so once again the selling line for the policies will be their tax efficiency.

Long-term readers and investors will know that life assurance premium relief was abolished a decade ago, and that since then endowments and tax efficiency have not been bedfellows.

But the insurance companies, currently reporting a return to profit and record sales of life policies, fear that once salesmen have to detail the amount of money they earn for selling an investment, no one will buy.

Hence the hard work to produce arguments on tax efficiency. Investment houses know that virtually anything can be sold if the salesman can look the customer straight in the eye and say it can be set against tax or even that he can arrange for it to be free of value-added tax.The latter gives the impression of getting away with something a little bit illicit. In reality, it is the industry that hopes it will be able to get away with something. It knows the calculations are hellishly complicated and will not be understood by most customers.

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK

Deputy Business Editor

But that will not stop the same salesmen, who once declared that telling investors in cash terms the amount of commission earned would be information overload for the poor hapless saps about to buy policies.

Now they are putting together the argument that commission is a good thing because the gross expenses of a policy — these include commission and the company's setting up costs — can be offset against the income that is earned on the policy.

So if the expenses work out at 1.5 per cent, as they do on average, then an income of 4 per cent will be taxed as if it were 2.5 per cent. In addition, there is no value added tax to pay on commission paid to a salesman but should an investor choose to pay a fee for professional advice then VAT at 17.5 per cent is added. Oh well, then, better buy a policy and pay all that yummy tax-efficient commission.

Happy birthday

Tomorrow 5,576 investors will join a chorus of Happy Birthday to the Investors Compensation Scheme on its fifth birthday. They have all received compensation when investment firms failed or salesmen stole their money. The scheme is the most tangible achievement of the Financial Services Act and has paid out £46.7 million.

Not that the early years passed without a quibble. Cases were taken to the High Court by investors to get the scope of the scheme extended beyond the grave so that claims did not die with defrauded investors. There are also regular calls for the limit for claims to be extended beyond the current £48,000. Investors whose claims are dealt with by financial ombudsmen can receive much more from companies that let them down and may not have to wait so long.

Compensation and adjudication of complaints will inevitably be overhauled when the personal investment authority gets under way next year. There should be less fear that the scheme will mushroom with improved limits. Originally there were fears that £100 million would be paid out as firms went to the wall. That has not been the case and now is the time to improve the scheme so that investors are dealt with equably and more speedily.

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Weekend banking answers the call

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

CUSTOMERS do not need to be deprived of all banking facilities for three days this bank holiday weekend. Telephone banking is the latest in a series of computerised banking revolutions which should make pre-bank holiday queues a thing of the past.

The introduction of cashpoint machines and, more recently, Saturday banking already mean people can withdraw and deposit cash.

NatWest's PrimeLine telephone banking service, now being extended to up to 35,000 customers after a successful trial, will be open from 9am to 5pm on Monday after the bank's decision to operate the service 365 days a year. There is a staff member at the other end of the telephone from 8am to 10pm on weekdays and 9am to 5pm at weekends and bank holidays. Customers will be able to check their balance, pay bills and transfer money from one account to another on Monday. They can get cash from a range of cashpoints over the bank holiday weekend.

NatWest's Actionline computerised telephone banking service, which runs parallel to PrimeLine, will also be open to PrimeLine customers. Today, 220 of the bank's 2,600 branches will open from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Midland customers will be able to bank as usual at 299 of the bank's 1,740 branches from 9.30am to 12.30pm today, and get cash from Midland, NatWest and TSB cash machines. First Direct, the telephone banking arm of Midland, will be open 24 hours a day over the bank holiday weekend.

Barclays is offering Saturday banking at 400 of its 2,200 branches between 9.30am and noon as normal. Barclays started a pilot telephone banking scheme last month with 10,000 customers in the Nottingham, Southampton and Haywards Heath areas. Staff will be handling calls from 9am to 5pm today and tomorrow and from 7am to 11pm on Monday. Lloyds will have its usual 165 branches out of 1,868 open today. About 130 open from 9.30am to 12.30 and 35 from 10.30am to 3.30 pm. The bank is planning to launch telephone banking service within the next 12 months.



JULIAN HERBERT

Inchinor, left, is likely to be heavily backed for today's big race at Goodwood

Good bet for the bookies

By Liz Dolan

THE gradual relaxation of rules governing betting shops is helping to tempt a new type of customer through the increasingly user-friendly portals of the local turf accountant.

The seedy image is slowly vanishing, as bookies install food and drink machines and comfortable seating, a move that has had a significant affect on the number of women coming into the shops. Telephone debit card betting is attracting more people in higher income brackets, especially young men.

The latest development, evening opening, has also attracted a growing number of working people, for whom weekday betting had hitherto been an occasional pastime. Evening opening ends tonight, with the last evening race meetings of the season, after which the bookies get down to the serious business of assessing how successful has been their first venture into evening opening. The official figures have yet to be published, but anecdotal evidence suggests that there has been an increase in both betting turnover and the number of new punters eager to relieve their local turf accountant of a few pounds.

William Hill reports a 10 per cent jump in turnover on evening race days. Corals says takings improved by an average of 20 per cent. Ladbrokes is more circumspect: "We are reviewing the situation at the moment. We will not be able to tell you anything until the end of next month," it says.

The opportunity to watch other sports, such as golf and the Wimbledon tennis championships, on bookies' screens during the evenings has provided an added boost. A further relaxation in the rules governing window displays, TV screen sizes and food and drink provision is also on the way.

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Check on societies' cheques

By Our Personal Finance Correspondent

GETTING the asking price for a car, caravan or hi-fi system over the long weekend may not be such a good deal as it seems, banks and building societies say. A cheque already made out for the exact amount could have been stolen and the bank holiday gives fraudsters an extra day to get away with the goods before the seller can find out whether the bank or building society will honour the payment.

The warning comes as the seller of a £9,700 sports car was left with a worthless Cheltenham & Gloucester building society cheque this week. The cheque was one of a batch stolen in 1989. Jonathan Fine, who now has no money and no car, accepted the cheque thinking that building society cheques were guaranteed.

Kate Main, of the Building Societies' Association, said: "Building society cheques are not cleared funds. People shouldn't treat them as cash.

"People may take the opportunity to sell cars, caravans and so on over the bank holiday weekend and there could be more risk of them accepting dud cheques. They shouldn't part with the goods until the cheque has been cleared."

The banks, with millions more cheques in circulation than building societies, are investigating ways to fight cheque fraud. A report by a joint working party from the British Bankers Association (BBA) and the Association for Payment Clearing Services is expected to be presented to the clearing banks next month. Details are under wraps, Graham Potts, of the BBA said, but the working party has been looking at technology that banks could incorporate into cheques to identify them and make them tamper-proof.

Banks are seeing more cheques being altered, although the number stolen and then endorsed on the back by a third party has fallen since the 1992 Cheques Act made banks liable for accepting them.

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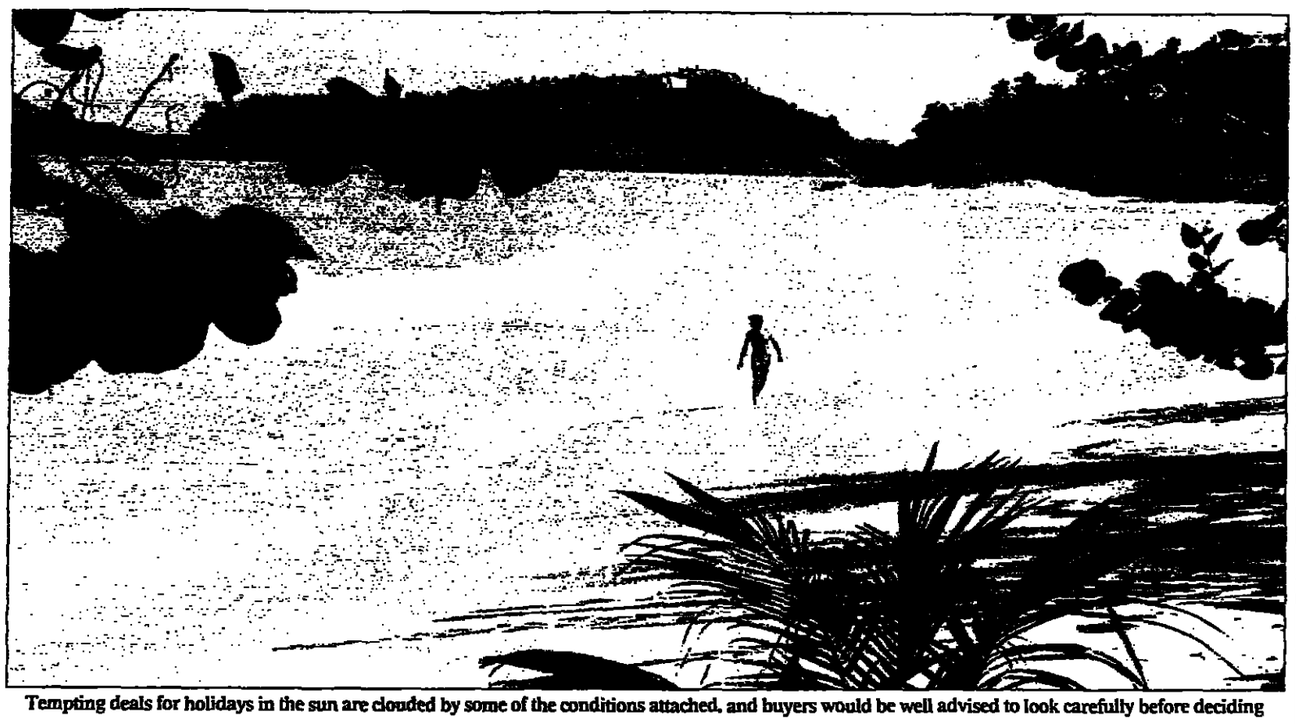
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Holiday price war holds pitfalls

Next year's bargain offers may not be as good as they first appear, says Margaret Dibben



Tempting deals for holidays in the sun are clouded by some of the conditions attached, and buyers would be well advised to look carefully before deciding

THIS time next year, the British Isles will be empty, judging by the number of package holidays for 1994 that have been sold in the past week. A price war between holiday companies has persuaded hundreds of thousands of tourists to sign up now for next year's break.

The battle started when Thomas Cook, the travel agent, promised to knock 10 per cent off the brochure price of any 1994 holiday it sold through its branches. Other travel agents followed, although they have not said how long their offers will last.

The tour operators then rushed out their 1994 brochures, the largest companies trumpeting reductions averaging around 6 per cent on 1993 prices for some holidays. Deposits, around £50, are due by December. Back came the travel agents, slashing their deposits to only £1 or £5.

But none of this is quite what it seems. To qualify for the 10 per cent discount, the traveller is required by the travel agent to buy its insurance. A family of four might pay £100 in insurance premiums for two weeks. The commission a large agent earns from selling the insurance goes probably halfway to restoring the 10 per cent discount on an average holiday costing £1,200 for four.

The reduction in brochure prices is made by comparing initial 1993 prices with those for 1994. In the event, some operators found they had priced this year's tours too high and had already cut the cost by around 4 per cent.

The £1 deposit charged by Thomas Cook and £5 by Hogg Robinson are only short-term reductions. The rest of the deposit must still be paid before the end of the year, even if the holiday has been cancelled by then. In effect, the travel agent is giving a temporary loan. Keith Betton, public affairs manager for Abta, the Association of British Travel Agents, said: "If you need to cancel after you have booked, don't think your deposit was £5. It will have been around £50, of which £45 is a loan." A few years ago, some customers paid £1 deposits on several different holidays but they had to forfeit the full balance on all those they did not take.

If a holiday is cancelled just a month before departure, half the cost of the holiday will have to be paid; up to a fortnight ahead, 90 per cent. The cancellation cost is based on the full price. Holiday companies are in a high-risk business. But if the operator does go bust, the balance of the deposit still has to be paid before it can be claimed back through any compensation scheme. The National Consumer Council says there have been numerous bankruptcies among tour operators. A spokesman advised: "Ensure you book through a tour operator that is a member of Abta."

Keith Betton added: "Bargains are wonderful but you need to make sure you book with a bonded company." There is no need to get carried away by the current price-cutting. There may be better discounts to be had by negotiation with local travel agents.

☐ Holidaymakers who have booked to stay at Croyde Bay, near Barnstable, Devon, have no redress after reports this week that the owner of the holiday camp there is suing South West Water for allegedly polluting his beach. Customers will lose their deposits if they cancel holidays with Mike Saltmarsh because of his allegation that sewage discharged from a South West Water outlet drifts on to his private beach. Depending on the wording of the contract they signed, they may lose the whole cost of the holiday.

Holidaymakers staying in nearby hotels have no case for compensation either. They are far enough away that they need not use his beach, one of several private beaches in this country. If anyone did swim in Croyde Bay and became ill, they could start their own case against the water company.

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Helping charities to coin it from tourists' leftover cash

SINCE foreign coins have little value here, returning from a holiday abroad without loose change can become something of an art form (Margaret Dibben writes).

Cashiers at airport cafeterias are used to waiting with gritted teeth as the smallest of coinage is laboriously counted out for unwanted cups of coffee. The coins that do come home are invariably forgotten when the next trip comes up, or else the country in question has devalued its currency, or even changed it altogether. Any old East German, Czech or Yugoslavian money is now worthless.

A less anxious and more fruitful outcome would be to give the money to charity. Unfortunately, it is almost as difficult for charities to change the coins as it is for anyone else, although some banks are a bit more accommodating for those changing large volumes. Even changing bank notes into sterling is expensive. National Westminster charges a flat rate of £3.50; others charge 2 per cent with a minimum of £3. Abbey National does not change foreign notes at all.

A few organisations will at least accept the money and pass it on to charity. Some banks organise charity collections just through a local branch but very few have schemes across the whole network.

Barclays' customers can hand money over the counter and ask for it to go to any charity they choose although, after the bank deducts its charges, they hand over only half the value of donations.

Nationwide Building Society no longer sells foreign currency but it will take back leftover coins. For the first time this year there are collecting boxes in all building society and estate agency branches collecting for arthritis and rheumatism research.

Virgin Atlantic has collected spare money in any currency from passengers since April 1991. The money goes to various charities at different times. Between October and December all the coins collected will go to Children in Crisis, to provide medical help for children in Bosnia. They hope to raise £35,000 just from in-flight collections. A recent ten-month campaign raised £86,000 plus $76,000.

Alliance & Leicester Building Society is running a scheme at branches in the south of England with the local radio station, Southern FM, collecting for the charity Cash for Kids. Last year they collected £2,000 in 30 currencies. This year they hope to raise £10,000 from various charitable events between mid-June and mid-September to fund two sailing ships for disabled children.

Gatwick and Heathrow airports each have collection boxes that channel money to charitable causes.

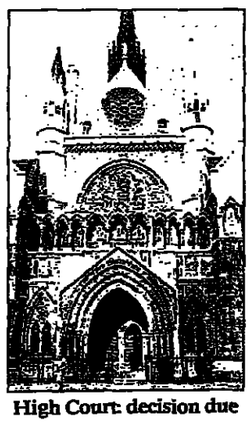
An unfriendly setback for friendly society members

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Lancashire & Yorkshire Assurance friendly society has admitted that its 67,000 members could lose out, even if a compensation scheme, funded by a levy imposed this week, is not needed.

Members were told on Monday that the society was reducing the price of all units on its funds by 12 per cent to build up a £10 million compensation fund. A High Court hearing on September 21 will rule on whether the fund will be needed to cover losses suffered by some 39,000 investors. As members of a mutual society, all policy-holders would be liable; even those who would receive compensation are paying the levy.

Late last year it emerged that one of the society's funds, the Capital Secure Fund, had invested in property when policies had specified that the fund would invest only in gilts, cash and deposits. The fund subsequently made a £4.3 million loss on its property investments. The court will also be considering the tax-exempt status of some other lump sum investments.



High Court: decision due

If the court rules that members must take the loss and the society is not at fault, the unneeded compensation fund will go "straight back" to members. However, Geoffrey Manton, a member of Lancashire & Yorkshire's committee of management, says the society will not be able to make up any gain the money would have earned if it had stayed invested in equities. He says: "Where would the money come from? It all belongs to the members." The £10 million has been placed on deposit at the Royal Bank of Scotland but the interest it will earn there is almost certain to be less than the yield it would get from being invested in equities on a booming stock market. Most of the society's policies are unit-linked, investing in a mixture of equities. Mr Manton says the boom will not necessarily last and investors could turn out to be safer in a deposit account.

The society has received about 1,000 calls from anxious members. Many of them had not read the annual report published in April and the news of a possible liability has come as a shock, says Mr Manton. The society is continuing to pay claims on maturing policies.



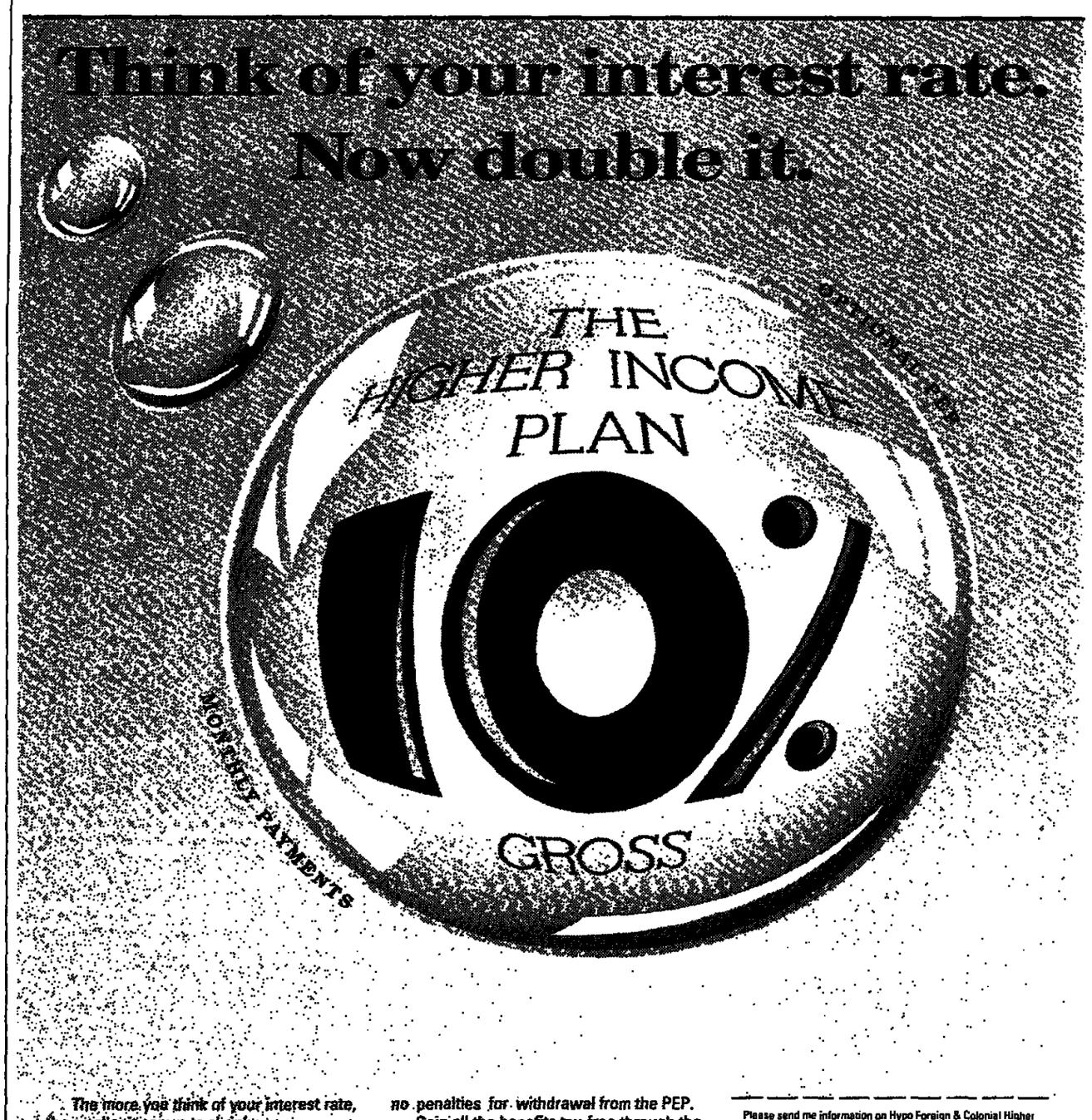
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Insurers lose clients through high costs

THE number of householders and motorists switching insurer has nearly doubled in the past 18 months, as policyholders look for cheaper cover. More than 1.9 million people changed insurer between September 1991 and March 1993, according to a report on the insurance market from NOP Corporate & Financial, the market research company (Sara McConnell writes).

In a survey of 1,379 people, 69 per cent of motor policy switchers and 39 per cent of household policy switchers said they did not renew with their existing insurer because it was too expensive. Poor service also prompted moves.

Younger professional people in London emerged as most likely to change household insurer, while very young working class people in the Midlands and Wales were most likely to change motor insurer. Women are more likely to change their household policy and men to change their motor insurer.



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A traveller's lira lament

From Dr. R. Hillier

Sir, In April last year, I purchased Italian lira travellers cheques of the Banco Popolare di Novara from my local branch of NatWest. After two trips to Italy, I had 150,000 lire remaining, which I decided not to cash back to sterling in the event of further travel.

I have now discovered that they were valid for one year only and that NatWest, and through them the BPDN, refuse to reimburse me; a loss of £60 therefore.

Admittedly, the one-year validity was stated on the face of the cheques, but in sufficiently small type that I had failed to notice it. Anyway, I had seen no reason to inspect it in detail since it had never occurred to me that it should lose its face value any more than if I had simply purchased cash.

Have I got my just deserts for failing to scrutinise the small print, or is this, at the very least, sharp practice? I suggest your readers check travel arrangements carefully.

Yours faithfully,
R. HILLIER,
21 Meadow Road,
Claygate, Surrey.



Numbering notes to fight cash-point fraud

From Dr. J. Sutton

Sir, Re bank dispensing machines (July 24).

It would, of course, be possible for the banks to fill machines with notes in a known order of numbers (ascending, descending or any other) and for the makers of the machines to arrange to display to the customer the first, last (or both) of these numbers calculated by dead reckoning from previous transactions.

This information could also be recorded in the banks' computer records.

Yours faithfully,
J. SUTTON,
16A Overland Road,
Mumbles, Swansea.

Who gains from societies' merger?

From Mr David A. Walker

We are told that the main benefit for members and staff from the merger of the Leeds Permanent Building Society and the National & Provincial Building Society will be from the new society being bigger and financially stronger.

If the directors of both societies truly believe size and financial strength to be their goal, why do they not recommend that they each merge instead with the Halifax Building Society? Could it be that they may not get jobs for themselves on the new board, nor presumably would Mr O'Brien be chief executive of the new society, nor presumably would it be called The Leeds.

Yours faithfully
D. A. WALKER,
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Huddersfield, W. Yorks.

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Losing line in the lottery of life policies

From Mr M. L. Parker

Sir, I have noticed in your columns recently comments on reduced maturity values on relatively short-term life endowment policies and thought you might be interested in my recent experiences with Royal Life.

In July 1975, I took out a life endowment policy with Royal Insurance for £2,995 with profits, and a guaranteed minimum death benefit of £5,000. The policy matured after 15 years in July 1990, and my payment was a total of £10,598.28, comprising: sum assured £2,995.00, revisionary bonus £3,502.16 and terminal bonus £4,101.12. I was pleased with this investment.

In August 1979, I took out another life endowment policy with Royal Insurance for £3,015.00 with profits and a guaranteed minimum death benefit of £5,000. This second policy matured in July of this year after 14 years. The maturity payout was £7,799.30, comprising: sum assured £3,015.00, revisionary bonus £3,276.92 and terminal bonus £1,507.38. I was dismayed at this result. Accepting that the second policy was for one year less in term and the revisionary bonuses are on similar levels, I find it extraordinary that there is a difference of 71 per cent between the two terminal bonus payments.

The insurance companies cannot hide behind spurious facts concerning interest rates and stock market values. In this particular case, the stock market has recovered and it is only in the last 11 months that interest rates have tumbled.

My example of such variance in maturity payments on two such similar policies not only makes medium-term financial planning something of a lottery but makes one disillusioned with the Life Assurance sector and should other members of the public have similar experiences then a general lack of confidence in this type of investment must surely follow?

Yours faithfully,
M. L. PARKER,
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264 Hotwell Road
Bristol.

Better to provide a taster for the taxman

From R. S. Guha

Sir, Mr McKinlay's letter of August 14 reminded me of my current reimbursement problem with the Inland Revenue. My letter, and enclosures of the original certificates supporting the repayment claim for 1993, could not be traced by the tax inspector despite, to quote, "a thorough search". Fortunately, I have established a precedent in this respect with the tax inspector. For a similar incident happened last year. Very graciously, the inspector wrote, saying: "We would normally insist on the original forms P60, AVC certificates and the like, but in the circumstances would accept photocopies if you have them. If you should prefer to fax the correspondence, our number is shown above." My advice to Mr McKinlay is: for quick action on next year's repayment claim, create a well-documented precedent now with your taxman.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. GUHA,
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Harrow, Middlesex.

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.65	3.68	2.93	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.09	3.09	2.47	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.23	3.23	2.58	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.70	3.70	2.96	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	3.80	3.80	3.04	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.57	3.42	2.74	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.62	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem.A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inst Cheque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Bristol & West	5.44	4.3550,000		min	Postal	——
Birmingham Mid	5.70	5.70	4.56	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.73	4.73	3.78	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	5.81	5.81	4.65	50,000 min	90 day	——
Bristol & West	6.38	6.38	5.10	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Birmingham Mid	5.25	5.25	4.20	10,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.63	5.63	4.50	25,000 min	30 day	——
St Pancras	5.59	5.59	4.47	25,000 min	60 day	——
National Count	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	6.26	6.26	5.01	50,000 min	1 year	——
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0293 762151
6th Index Linkd*§	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Retn†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
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Prosperity Life	5.30	5.30	4.51	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity Life	5.68	5.68	4.82	15,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Lf	6.10	6.10	5.19	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5765
Consolidated Lf	6.25	6.25	5.31	2,000 min	5 yrs	for details

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Personal Loan	26%	Greek Drachms:	348.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2345.00

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Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 727827
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
National Cnty	7.90	£3,237.00	90 days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Ipswich	7.70	£3,231.00	£25	£100	0473 211021

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Nationwide 0783 513513	4.25	neg	80	Fixed for 2 yrs.Re-possessed only.
BANKS				
Barclays 0800 400121	5.99	£15-500K	90	rate capped to 30.9.94
BANKS				
Midland 0742 528788	5.95	to £100K	90	Rate fixed for one year.

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BRIEFINGS

Halifax starts 'stepped' fixed-rate mortgage

Halifax Building Society has introduced a "stepped" fixed-rate mortgage, where the rate is reduced for the first year of the fix until November 1994. For example, first-time buyers can fix their rate until November 1995, starting at 6.25 per cent until November 1994, then "step up" to 6.75 per cent until November 1995 when the rate reverts to the variable. The annual percentage rate on the loan is 8.3 per cent. Similarly structured loans are available over five years, where borrowers start paying 6.95 per cent for the first year, then 7.95 per cent until November 1998, with an APR of 8.5 per cent. Arrangement fees are between £150 and £200 and borrowers have to take out buildings and contents insurance with the society. Existing customers have two-, four- and five-year stepped loans to choose from. Rates range from 6.5 per cent in the first year rising to 6.75 per cent in the second year, to 7.2 per cent in the first year, rising to 7.95 per cent for the next four. Arrangement fees again range from £150 to £250.

☐ Norwich Union Healthcare is to increase the cost of some of its Express Care, Express Care 6 and Personal Care private medical insurance plans by up to 10 per cent. Those aged 65 and over face increases of between 5 per cent and 10 per cent while there will be rises of up to 5 per cent for customers over 45. There will be no rise for under-45s.

☐ Students are not influenced by bribes from their bank or building society, a survey by NUS Services on behalf of Barclays has found. Less than half the 3,000 students interviewed said they would stay with their bank or building society and only 28 per cent said they would stay with the bank offering the biggest cash incentive.

☐ Bank of Scotland is the first of the large clearers to offer *blind and partially sighted* customers statements in large print and on cassette tape. "Talking" *statements last* about 15 minutes and give account information, opening *and closing balances and deposits* and withdrawals.

☐ *The special commission* rate for dealing in Sharelink shares through Waters *Lumniss, the stockbroker* owned by the Norwich and Peterborough, has been *extended until September* 17. Those selling shares will be charged 1 per cent on the first £5,000 and 0.1 *per cent there*after, with a minimum of £12.50.

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Strong gains in thin trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 16. Dealings end September 3. §Contango day September 6. Settlement day September 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nat	407 ↑				
284	179	Allied Irish	296 ↑	-3	11.5	3.5	15.7
197½	130	Aus New Z	194	-2		3.9	14.9
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3087½	-3		4.6	
255	177	Bk of Ireland	246	-4½			
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	-1		5.0	20.0
176	116½	Bank Scotland	171		17.0	6.1	
517	362	Barclays	506 ↑	-1	4.5	3.3	34.1
4¾	3	Benchmark	4	-6			
21	15½	Carlisle	19½				
568	395	Cater Allen	561				
150½	85	Cattles	150½		27.0	6.0	
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2281½			1.5	19.8
2243¾	1343½	Citicorp	2206½				
421	290	Close Bros	421	-31½			
£130½	9275	Commerzbk	£126½	-6		2.8	18.7
£311½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£308½			1.1	
95	45	First Nat Fin	86½ ↑			1.9	
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1508			0.7	
492	343	Gerrard Nat	489	-2		0.4	
774	490	HSBC	733	-1	21.5	5.5	13.0
752	474	HSBC HK	717	-3	19.0	3.2	12.5
389	243	Hambros	374	-5	19.0	3.3	17.2
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	-2	14.0	4.7	17.3
155	96	King Shaxson	151		10.6	5.7	
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	504 ↑		9.0	7.5	
591	492	Lloyds	559	-1	16.0	4.0	17.5
89	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	-9	16.4	4.1	16.0
515	322	Nat Aust Bk	496	-½	3.0	4.3	17.4
512	398	Nat West	497 ↑	-2½		4.1	17.2
445	270	Provident	438	-2	17.5	4.4	10.5
54	39	Rea Bros	52	-4	11.4	3.3	19.0
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	283		8.5	1.2	55.0
1198	467½	Schroders	1198	-4	8.5	3.9	
944	576	Stand Chart	934 ↑	-5		1.1	25.9
218	145½	TSB	203 ↑	-2	20.0	2.7	
190	78	Union Disc	180	-3	6.4	3.0	
812	529	Warburg SG	809	-5		2.9	30.4
286	165	-do- 6% 'A'	283			2.7	
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7725	-125		1.4	
187	121	Westpac	184	-3		4.1	
280	188	Wintrust	280 ↑		9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	633	+5		4.1	17.1
647	441	Bass	502	-9	18.0	4.7	10.9
290	169	Boddington	280		7.3	3.3	16.3
442	362	Bulmer (HP)	441			2.9	19.2
159	129	Burtonwd Brs	154		9.7	3.9	12.9
392	261	Devenish (JA)	392	+3	7.8	2.5	22.5
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128			3.2	23.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	54			5.0	7.5
410	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	410	-2	7.4	2.3	17.6
480	383	Grand Met	457	+1	12.3	3.4	15.1
421	347	Greenalls Grp	376	+4	11.7	3.9	12.5
572	505	Greene King	569			2.7	16.1
520	437	Guinness	515	+1		2.9	18.3
281	230	Hardy Hansn	265		7.4	3.7	14.7
125	105	Heavitree	115		3.0	3.2	27.4
353	255	Highland Distl	341	-3	6.0	2.2	25.2
3138	2538	Holt J	2950	+12	41.0	1.7	19.2
80	33	Hoskins Brew	73				52.6
323	290	Invergordn Dist	295			3.0	16.8
196	154	Macallan-Glen	150		0.9	0.7	35.7
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375			2.9	17.0
216	164	Mansfield	216	+16		2.2	15.5
299	231	Mrston Thmp	294			2.4	17.2
458	328½	Mathew Clark	458 ↑			4.6	13.4
300	253	Mrydwn W	290 ↑		7.0	3.0	∞
545	455	Morland	530		8.4	2.0	21.1
12	6½	Paramount	9½			2.1	17.2
191	145	Regent Inns	181	-1		3.1	18.1
975	753	SA Breweries	891	-22		3.1	14.8
486	408	Scot & New	482			4.4	15.0
225	181	Taunton Cider	219	+4	6.0	3.4	17.9
248	213	Vaux Group	248	-3	9.3	4.7	17.1
302	225	Wetherspoon JD	297			2.0	24.0
538	435	Whitbread 'A'	534	-1		4.2	14.4
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1155	-3		1.9	29.0
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	593		11.4	2.8	14.1
515	475	Young 'A'	478		14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120			6.5	∞
27	13	Albrighton	20	-1			
123	87	Allen	116			5.4	26.3
107	65	Amec	95		3.0	3.9	17.6
12	4	Anglia Sec	8½	-½			
274	155	Ashtead	273 ↑		4.5	2.1	∞
142	101	Atwoods	120	+2	5.0	5.2	17.4
255	180	BPB Ind	250	+3		3.8	43.0
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	86		3.1	4.5	28.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26		0.5		
107	74	Barcom	107	+1	1.2	1.5	19.4
50½	32½	Bardon	49½		2.0	5.1	24.4
161	94	Barratt Devs	161		2.0	1.6	17.9
436	305	Bellway	436	+5		3.4	25.3
41	15	Bellwinch	41				
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	436			1.7	27.3
116	45	Ben Bros	108			0.4	44
63	36	Blockleys	58		1.0	2.2	64.1
285	189	Blue Circle	267			5.3	
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276		5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	94		4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	117	-1	5.2	5.6	26.0
83	45	Brit Fittings	66	-2	1.5	2.8	
151	99	Bryant	143	-1	4.8	4.2	30.6
68	53	CALA	88		2.3		
293	205	CRH	289	-4		2.9	20.0
43	18	Cakebread Rby	28	+3			
46	23	Costain	38	+½			
140	86½	Countryside	137			3.7	36.2
73	38	Crest Nicholson	73	+2	0.0		
46	27	Cussins	46 ↑			1.7	
3½	1½	Dunton	3				
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	20		0.5	3.1	
275	178	Epwin	275		6.8	3.1	22.1
53	32	Erith	52		0.3	0.8	
453	252	Eve Group	453			2.8	16.4
6½	3½	Explaura	5				
140	97	Freeman Gp	130			6.8	20.7
50	18	Galliford	48		4.3		19.3
76	52	Gibbs & Dandy	58	+2		2.2	
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	915	+2	12.7	1.7	14.8
135	90	Hewden-Stuart	134½	+½		3.0	30.6
51	28	Hewetson	45 ↑			3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wim	306	+4	12.5	5.1	
119	37	Higgs & Hill	117½	-½	2.5	2.7	
35	26	How Gp	32			5.0	
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21 ↑		0.5	3.0	
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	77	+1	1.0	1.6	
19½	12½	Jarvis	19				
314	196	Laing (J)	308	-2	9.0	2.7	12.2
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	127½			6.3	
95	55	Ln Clydeside	90		4.5	6.3	33.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17½			7.9	
335	240	Manders	324		9.0	3.5	19.8
168	93	Marley	158	+1	4.2	3.4	45.7
102	61	Marshalls	102			4.9	70.2
175	122	Maunders (J)	171	+3	4.9	3.6	15.7
215	96	McAlpine (A)	213		6.5	3.9	36.4
40	23	McCarthy & S	38		0.5		
388	272	Meyer Int	372	-1		3.4	37.3
129	62	Mowlem (J)	127	+3	4.0	3.9	
135	51	NSM	133	-1			
53	48	Needler	48			3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	162			6.1	21.6
300	197	Persimmon	281	+2	8.6	3.8	28.7
31	12	Phoenix Timber	18				
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525		29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	133		3.4	3.2	
6½	2½	Quiligotti	2½				
823	555	RMC Gp	788	+5		3.2	31.0
117	75½	Raine Ind	93	+1	6.0	8.1	15.5
36	20	Ramus	22				
573	402	Redland	541	-2	25.0	5.8	31.5
79	64	Roskel	79		4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	274		6.4	2.9	21.0
42	23	Svild-Rvea	41				
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111			4.5	19.3
220	80½	Sheffield Insl	220	+2		3.1	54.0
150	82	Sherriff Hldgs	150	+3		1.7	22.4
95	66	Shorco	82	-1		8.2	18.1
240	196	Smart (J)	239		8.5	4.4	10.9
6½	2½	Starmin	4½		0.3	8.8	∞
157½	103	Tarmac	157	+2	5.5	4.4	
194	137	Tay Homes	177	+1	5.8	4.1	11.3
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	132		1.0	0.9	
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	624		33.0	6.6	20.3
39	19	Torex Hire	35			1.4	
247	168	Travis Perkins	239		8.0	4.2	42.1
40	30	Try Group	33		1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26			1.2	
81	41	Vibroplant	79	-½	2.5	4.0	27.9
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48				
36	25	Waterhouse	35				
475	360	Watts Blake	434	-6		3.5	18.7
26	8	Wecola	22				
164	90	Westbury	164	+1	5.0	3.8	25.6
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½				
12	5	Wiggins	9 #				
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	441		8.7	2.5	30.3
205	147	Wilson (C)	192		3.9	2.6	33.3
194	104	Wimpey G	186	+2		3.5	
47	25	YRM	36		0.5	1.7	

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	467	ADT	645	-3			
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228		12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London	73			6.0	9.0
56	37	African Lakes	49		2.0	5.1	
178	125	Auto Sec	156			4.2	28.0
138	84	BET Ord	129			3.1	5.2
100	41	BNB Res	100	+1	4.9	6.1	
318	258	BPP	311 ↑		8.0	3.2	17.2
285	195	Barbour Index	220		8.0	4.5	∞
24	15	Boustead	24		0.7	3.6	
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	241	-5		2.1	20.1
26	11	Broadcastle	25			1.3	19.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65				
104	86	CRT Gp	101	+1	2.8	3.5	∞
193	139½	Capita Group	193 ↑			1.4	30.1
45	31	Casket Plc	44 ↑	-½		2.3	16.9
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	18½				
51	26	Christie	40				
369	228	Chubb Sec	369	+10		1.6	22.9
100	18	Comace	94			2.0	23.5
30	6½	Corp Services	26				
52	20	Coutts Cnslig	47	-1			
110	50	Darr	110		3.3	3.8	14.9
256	198	Davis Service	249	-1		4.0	18.8
104	85	EW Facts	94		4.3	5.7	10.8
32	11	Gardiner	32		0.6		22.0
257	215	Hays	249½	+2½	4.6	2.3	24.6
245	174	Hogg Robinsn	245	+1		3.4	17.9
70	35	Holmes Protectn	35				2.1
203	127	Hutch Whamp	194	-1		2.4	16.5
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1925			5.5	2.5
637	519	Inchcape	580	+8		3.0	20.1
863	669	Johnson Clean	833 ↑	+4	25.7	3.9	18.2
12	2½	Lep	10				
285	172	Mitie Gp	285 ↑	+4	3.5	1.5	22.2
1187	893	Manpower	1101				
60	40½	Michael Page	60	+2	1.8	3.8	25.5
279	167	Pennat	167			7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People	2½			12.3	6.8
142	80	Prontfoot Alex	122		12.6	5.0	11.9
423	317	RCO	352		4.0	5.0	
118	100	REA	100				
105	43	Reed Executive	103	-1			
156	110	Reliance Sec	115 ↑			4.9	∞
238	178	Rentokil	217	-1½	2.3	1.3	27.0
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	223			4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	388	+3		2.5	21.3
37	26	Scot Pickford	36			2.8	11.5
6½	5	Select Appo	6				
1078	695	Serco Gp	1078		14.0	1.6	29.8
352	124	Sherwd Cmpa	155			5.7	4.5
130	90	Stechley	99			3.8	22.6
355	310	Warner Howrd	342		6.5	2.4	17.9
45	27	Welpac	33				
26	14	Willis Gp	24½			0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	237	-3		2.3	20.9
861	613	Amersham	854			2.0	29.5
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2				
£103½	8325	BASF DM	£100½			3.2	
297	199	BTP	289			4.0	19.9
£120	£101½	Bayer DM50	£116½			4.5	
179	134	Blagden	165 ↑		9.5		17.8
165	93	Brent Chems	116	-7		6.1	10.5
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	359				
29	12	Caird Gp	13			12.8	36.1
153	126	Canning (W)	146	+1	7.2	6.2	16.7
608	504	Courtaulds	567	+8		3.1	15.1
305	228	Croda	305			3.2	19.9
149	121	Doeflex	138		5.6	4.2	10.6
225	175	Ellis & Everard	221	-1	7.0	4.0	∞
34½	15½	Euro Colour	34½		0.8	2.9	21.1
323	259	Halstead (J)	323			2.2	16.7
241	167	Hickson	180½			5.6	16.5
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£107½	-325		3.3	
225	195	Holliday Chem	220	+1		2.1	20.1
710	608	ICI	608 ↑	+3		4.0	
668	576	Laporte	636	-1	19.5	3.8	17.5

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
223	181	Leigh	217 ↑			4.5	20.9
97½	38	MTM	64				
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1850			1.6	26.3
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	-1	11.4	3.1	19.9
418	360	-do- 'A'	418	+2	11.4	3.4	18.0
296	221	Plysu	229	-4		3.8	15.9
248	173	Porvair	248		3.6	1.8	26.5
70	35	Stitute Speak	61				
495	412	Wardle Storeys	479	-6	16.0	4.2	14.3
490	395	Wistnhime P	490		17.0	4.3	16.5
401	330	Yorks Chem	379 ↑	-1		2.5	20.3
356	236	Yule Catto	270	-3	5.9	2.7	16.5
715	593	Zeneca	714	+5		4.9	41.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	67 ↑			5.6	
90	42	Amber Day	77	-1	3.1	5.0	21.1
343	257	Argos Plc	342	+2		2.6	29.0
25	12	Ashley Group	15½			4.5	
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	104	-1		0.1	
305	278	Asprey	301	+4		2.1	20.9
134	94	Austin Reed	133			2.3	
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	154			4.9	15.5
121	94	Bennalls	108		1.9	3.3	
279	208	Betterware	236	-2		1.1	28.2
39	22	Blacks Lsrs	38 ↑		2.2	7.4	
229	133	Body Shop	197			1.1	25.4
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	15½			0.6	7.8
401	318	Brown (N)	395	-2		2.2	23.2
86	64½	Burton	77			3.2	
145	126	Cantors	145			2.3	19.3
360	295	Church	348	-5	12.5	4.5	30.7
180	97	Clinton Cards	153		4.2	3.5	18.3
250½	212	Coats Viyella	248	-1		3.7	29.2
112	78	Colourvision	102 ↑		5.6	6.9	19.3
700	574	Courts Furnish	699		5.5	1.0	6.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	135 ↑			6.5	∞
129	69	Dairy Farm Intl	126	-3		2.9	18.5
83	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	63		1.0	1.5	26.6
281	189	Dixons Grp	237	+4		3.3	
413	320	Dunhill	401	+4	8.1	2.5	15.6
21	12½	ERA Gp	15				
530	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	530		16.0	3.9	17.8
166	71	Essex Furn	166	+10		2.1	28.1
271	223	Etam	271		6.9	3.2	24.8
608	490	Fine Art Dev	590		12.7	2.7	19.3
50	26	Fred Earth Tiles	39				
549	498	Formminster	548		14.0	3.2	9.4
158	24	French Conn	157				
73	43	Gem SB	73		2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	67		0.3	0.6	
3725	2400	GUS	3685			1.5	28.0
2113	1563	-do- 'A'	2038	-12		2.7	15.8
40	31	Hampden Grp	33	+1		3.8	16.4
277	30	Hartstone	64	-2		5.5	
29	20	Helene Plc	25½		2.0	4.4	12.1
72	29	Heritage	70				
71	35	Honeysuckle	71			1.6	10.1
125	65	Jacques Vert	121 ↑			3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	678	+13		2.5	22.2
74	62	Leslie Wise Gp	70 ↑		4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	580		7.2	1.6	65.3
330	241	Lloyds Chem	274	-2	5.5	2.5	10.7
152	120	MFI	144			3.3	29.7
378½	311	Marks Spencer	377½	+4½		2.7	20.7
558	445	Menzies (John)	457	+2		2.5	15.6
227	135	Moss Bros	226		5.5	1.0	26.5
213½	139½	Next	204½	+1½	2.5	1.5	24.4
40	15	Oliver (G)	38				
303	197	Oriflame Intl	285 ↑			4.2	14.0
62	38½	Pentos	46	-1	1.5	4.1	9.6
213	185	QS Hldgs	205		5.1	3.2	14.6
41½	11	Ramers Group	36½				
35½	27½	Rhino Grp	35½				
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154			2.1	13.9
117	93	Sears	112	-1		3.9	
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	470	+2		3.9	15.3
15	4½	Speciatyeyes	14				
239	178	Storehouse	234	+1		2.8	28.0
191	148	T & S Stores	165		5.9	4.5	12.3
157	71	Tie Rack	157	+3	1.0	0.8	25.7
231	160	Time Products	228		7.5	4.1	19.7
114	63	Usher (Frank)	113			5.5	8.9
43	27	Vival	34		1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum	34			6.7	
122	78	Wickes	109			0.2	48.3
78	45	Wld of Leather	69				
198	146	Wyevale	171			2.9	22.6
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½				

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	174	-1		3.6	17.5
240	223	Arcal	240			3.3	16.7
162½	36	Acorn Compu	48				49.7
480	385	Admiral	460	+3	5.4	1.5	19.5
160	104	Alba	160	+4		3.9	19.6
48	19½	Alphameric	42				
38½	22	Amstrad	33½		0.4		
128	61	App Holo	61				
48	13	Arlen	48	+3			
84	39½	Astec	82	+4			1.3
293	223	Beales Hunter	243 ↑		9.4	4.8	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	4				
446	319	BICC	415	+7	19.2	5.9	
575	435	Blick	475		9.2	2.4	16.5
1700	1100	Borland	1288				
371	274	Bowthorpe	370	+1	6.3	2.1	24.2
445½	376	BT	426½	+3		4.6	20.1
188½	150	BT P/P	183½	+1		4.4	20.9
11½	5½	Bulgin (AE) 'A'	11½		0.1	1.1	
160	110	Burnfield	159		5.7	4.5	25.1
860	669	Cable Wireless	845	+6		2.2	27.2
23½	11½	Chloride	23½				
273	229	CML Micro	273			2.2	19.8
115	74	Compter People	97		0.6	0.5	
164	108½	Cray Elec	149			1.3	15.3
424	243	Critchley	423			1.8	∞
553	414	Delta	546	-5		3.2	22.5
380	205	Denmans Els	359			2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	407		7.2	1.9	15.9
65	48	Dowding Mills	63		2.5	5.0	20.7
1095	865	Druck	1095 ↑		10.0	1.1	∞
480	358	Electrocmpnts	457	+4		2.1	19.0
580	470	El Data Prc	553		5.1	1.2	15.2
116	43	Electron House	116		2.6	2.8	25.1
30½	10½	Emess	29½		0.1	0.5	
601	442	Eurotherm	601	+5	8.0	1.7	27.4
155	108	FKI	150	-2		2.5	32.0
461	340	Farnell Elect	461	+15		1.7	36.4
90	33	Feedback	89			2.1	11.6
18	9½	Ferranti	12½				
258	101	First Tech	258		1.0	0.5	∞
220	81	Forward Gp	265			1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	18				
359½	264	GEC	359	+5	10.3	3.6	18.0
198	132	Gooseby	185			7.5	38.2
14½	7½	Graystone	13½				
39	26	Hitchins	36			1.7	11.7
169	89	INSTEM	150			2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	373 ↑		8.6	2.9	∞
19	8	Kerabrey	15½		0.1	1.3	
337	260	Kenwood App	337	+3		1.9	18.9
216	47	Kewill Sys	206				
209	100	Kode	189		5.5	3.7	22.2
60	16	Laser-Scan	35				
365	122	LBMS	247 ↑	+3		0.4	34.8
300	240	Lec Refrig	260	-13	9.0	4.4	
170	134	Life Sciences	157	+2	3.5	2.9	16.9
269	164	Logica	255	-8	3.6	1.8	30.1
55	44	LPA Inds	54			8.1	15.2
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	212	+3	4.3	2.5	20.3
683	523	Macro 4	650	+2		2.5	21.8
645	522	Memtec Sw	645 ↑	+15		2.1	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1990				18.3
227	147	Microgen	172	+4	7.3	5.3	11.7
34½	23½	Microvitec	29	+1½			
529	357	Misys	510	-2	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	429	+8			
138	108	MMT Compu	128			3.4	16.3
38	16	Molynx	37½		1.3	4.9	
272	202	MTL Inst	243			1.9	18.3
165	105	Muirhead Elect	117		3.5	3.7	∞
218	116	Murray Enter	218	+2	1.8	1.1	
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5962½				
188	135	Neuromics	135		2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61				
198	58	Norbain	191	+1		1.0	14.6
75	20	Northamber	60		0.6	1.3	
15½	9	Oceonics	14				
285	195	Oxford Inst	282 ↑		4.5	2.0	19.4
83	48	P-E Internat	65	+1	1.0	1.9	
81½	29	P & P	70 ↑		1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	77		3.4	5.5	20.1
222	115	Pegasus	192	-9		4.2	48.8
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500			6.1	
1312½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1262½	-12½			
254	211	Phonelink	250				
562	343	Pifco	561 ↑		8.2	1.8	∞
542	303	-do- 'A' Voting	541 ↑		8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec	78			6.0	6.6
115	76	Pressac	115	+2	2.4	2.6	23.2
135	81	Psion	116	+1		2.7	30.8
261	160	Racal Elect	260	+4	4.2	2.0	15.5
70	45	Radamec	63			3.0	13.5
70	31	Radius	36		2.7		12.4
92	61	Real Time	77 ↑	+1		4.9	∞
35	18	Riva	28				33.0
629	380	Sage Gp	395	-15	9.0	2.9	12.7
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325		9.0	3.5	13.9
88	49	Scantronic	82	-1	3.1	4.8	20.7
158	117	Scholes Grp	158		5.0	4.0	31.0
371	270	Sema Gp	364		2.8	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silverthines	40			3.1	
50	37	Soundtracks	47			5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2512½			1.3	28.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits	14				
180	60	Telemetrix	180		0.8	0.6	29.7
1011	809	THORN EMI	1006	+8		4.0	20.6
111	96	Thorpe FW	108	+2	2.5	2.9	11.1
103	63	Total Systems	64		3.0	5.9	11.3
508	372	Tunstall	507		6.0	1.5	20.3
281	164	Unitech	281 ↑	+1		2.7	66.0
11½	6	Verity	6½				
35	24	Vistec	29½			1.6	16.0
585	367	Vodafone	579	+1½		1.5	26.2
464	368	Volex	464 ↑	+1	17.8	4.8	19.0
26	11	Western Select	24				
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	280		11.7	5.2	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	389	East Midlands	522	+10		4.7	9.8
538	399	Eastern Elect	537	+9		4.5	10.7
380	304	Hydro-Elect	379 ↑	+3		3.8	13.2
542	404	London Elect	537	+2		4.5	11.0
589	458	Manweb	585	+7		4.5	8.5
567½	424½	Midlands Elec	565	+7		4.4	10.1
375	273	National Power	367	+1		3.6	10.9
586	440	Northern Elec	583	+6		4.6	8.4
169	100	Nthn Ireland	169	+4		4.3	9.7
582	439	Norweb	569	+1	20.0	4.4	8.8
401	273	PowerGen	393			3.5	10.4
364	285	Scottish Power	363 ↑	+2		3.8	13.5
605	436	Seeboard	603	+11		4.1	9.7
616	469	Sth Wales	596	+1		4.7	9.9
566	426	Sth Western	561	+11		4.5	13.5
549	406	Southern Elec	545	+6		4.5	10.0
572	455	Yorkshire Elec	569	+5		4.5	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56 ↑	+1	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD	122	-2		3.3	19.1
91	26	Baltic Plc	91			1.4	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
546	413	Caledonia	546	+8		3.4	20.3
1500	1075	Camellia	1425			1.1	8.3
313	243	Candover	310		10.2	4.1	22.0
150	71	Flextech	150	+9		0.4	
327	155	Gowett	313 ↑	+1		4.8	9.8
189	125	Ivory Sime	188			4.3	17.7
4½	3	LIT	3½				
12	11	Lightstep	12 #				
238	154	Lon Parklings	238	+4	8.4	4.5	16.9
67	47	Marakon	63 ↑		5.0	9.0	∞
12½	7½	Nat Home Loan	9½				
52	40	Newmarket	52				
335	246	Rathbone Brs	335	+6	6.0	2.2	20.4
26	17	Rutland Tst	25	-½		4.0	14.8
330	251	S & U	296	+11	10.0	4.2	11.0
82	48	Singer & Fried	82	+1	2.6	4.0	
975	713	Sotheby's	860			4.0	
155	83	SIP Capital	152	+1	3.0	2.5	62.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2550½	1487½	Amer Express	2181½	-37½			
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1000			4.8	25.1
199	92	Invesco	190	+8		1.9	
230	164	Jardine Stra	225	+4		3.4	10.4
236	154	MAI	228	+1	6.0	3.3	16.6
665	389	MAM	604	+7	15.0	2.8	16.6
961	613	M & G	961	+10		2.8	25.6
342	309	Smith New Ct	338	+11		2.2	4.1
81	55	Trio Hldgs	79			4.7	

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
530½	450	All Food	518	+½	14.0	3.4	11.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	60 ↑	+½		3.0	15.4
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	284	-1	6.5	2.9	16.4
76	55	Alben Fisher	71		3.7	6.6	11.8
407	267	Argyll	398	-2		4.0	12.5
158	117	Assoc Fisheries	158 ↑	+4		6.3	3.2
228	160	Banks (S C)	227		9.0	5.0	10.1
402	310	Barr (AG)	396		6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Benson's Crsps	68 ↑			5.2	15.3
141	112½	Brisland Intl	129				
455	357	Booker	438	+3		6.2	45.1
52	35	Borthwick	47½			3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	502		6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	50	+3	1.0	2.5	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	481	+5		3.4	17.0
120	78	Carrs Milling	119		3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	193	+9		5.2	14.4
22	8½	Cullens	16	+½	0.5	3.9	46.0
384	150	Dalepak	210 ↑		6.0	3.6	16.5
521	424	Dalgety	515		19.5	4.7	15.0
54	27	Daniels S	50			0.6	
217	191	Devro	214	+1		3.2	20.3
134	99	Lverest	117			3.7	16.2
358	269	Fatepak	358		5.7	2.0	22.0
10	3	Farringford	8½				
94	64	Finlay (James)	73	+3		7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	105	-5		1.4	19.0
483	328	Geest	378	+1	8.1	2.7	17.0
14	7	Globale	14	+1		4.5	21.8
45	43	Grand Central	44		1.2	3.6	∞
207	147	Hazlewood Fds	188 ↑			4.3	10.9
175	131	Hillsdown	168			6.5	13.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	229	-4		1.8	20.5
131	100	JLI Group	119			4.9	13.2
853	655	Kwik Save	749	-3	16.0	2.7	14.3
262	174	Low (Wm)	186		8.4	5.6	9.0
65	41	Matthews (B)	65			2.2	4.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17½	-½	1.1	7.9	35.8
174	124	Morrison (W)	147	-1		0.7	19.1
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543 ↑		13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Mtm Foods	288	-1		3.6	14.3
20½	9½	Nthmbrn Fns	12				
229	172	Nurdin Peack	210			3.6	12.0
290	205	Park Foods	242		6.0	3.1	∞
115	76	Perkins Food	92			6.0	10.0
98	47	PizzaExpress	98	+4		0.6	56.3
9	1½	Regina Hldns	5½				
584	426	Sainsbury J	512	+5		2.4	18.0
86	33	Senlty Farm	78	-2		2.4	14.0
225	94	Sims Food	110			8.5	21.2
439	357	Tate & Lyle	394		12.0	3.8	12.4
273	195	Tesco	234	+4		3.4	10.8
211	123	Thorntons	162	+3	3.6	2.8	15.1
183	101	Treats	150 ↑			3.1	17.1
400	300	Unigate	394	+4		5.1	12.9
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	379	-3		5.0	18.0
36	20	Usborne	26			2.8	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	288		13.3	5.8	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H	22				
89½	77	City Centre Rest	88		1.5	2.2	21.1
239	170	Forte	235	+3		4.0	18.4
220	155	Friendly Hotels	190		5.7	3.8	36.2
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½				
121½	87	Jurys Hotel	121½			3.8	∞
222½	154	Ladbroke	204	+2	11.1	6.8	17.4
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	70	-2		4.8	17.6
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #		2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #		7.5	11.0	
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	1½				
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #		3.4	9.6	8.8
22	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18			5.6	
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840		7.0	1.0	
66	34½	Stakis	66	+1		0.9	

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	128			8.6	7.8
616	455	AAH	537	+1		4.0	17.3
177	140	AIM	175		7.5	5.4	∞
132	88	APV	106			6.4	
238	81	ASW	230			3.3	
198½	124	Adwest	198		7.0	4.4	28.3
28	10	Aerospace Eng	23	-1		4.2	29.6
265	249	Airsprung	265	+6		2.1	16.9
135	113	Alenda W	135		3.8	3.1	42.8
13	6½	Allied Radio	8½				
565	415	Alumasc	565		11.0	2.4	17.3
48	37	Alvis	46	-1	1.0	2.7	9.5
475	345	Amber Ind	475			4.9	10.9
45	18	Amberley Gp	41 ↑	-4		3.0	
107	78	Anagen	90				
145	82	Andrews Sykes	108	-2		5.1	
945	703	Antofagasta	885	+5		2.3	16.4
50½	37	Armour	48		1.4	3.9	14.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155		6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Aux Br Eng	3½		0.0	1.7	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	532			3.9	21.2
250	168	Assoc Nursing	249			0.5	15.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	680			4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60				
182	147	BBA	175	-1		5.4	14.7
65	28	BLP Group	53				
77	13	BM Gp	16½		5.0		0.7
770	627	BOC	659	+11	23.2	4.4	14.3
79½	62	BSG	77			5.2	26.8
487	353	BSS Group	456	+1		4.7	27.3
409½	318	BTR	396	+½		3.4	22.6
221	155	BWI	186		6.7	4.5	17.9
50	31	Babcock	45½	+½		5.8	27.0
9½	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½				
289	240	Baird (Wm)	277		8.9	4.0	19.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	593½	-18½		5.8	3.3
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	-1		2.9	25.0
15	5	Beaulord	9				
10	6	Beckenham	9	-1			
34	15	Bedford (W)	27				
27½	15½	Benson Group	16½		0.3	2.3	∞
707	461	Bespak	605	+10	10.0	2.1	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	93	+1	9.7		5.5
312	129	Billam (J)	257	+3	5.0	2.4	13.0
41	21½	Bilston Bursea	34				
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	6½	+1			
170	118½	Birkby	170	+1	3.5	2.6	16.1
45	32	Black Arrow	42 ↑		2.6	7.7	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½				
200	136	Black (Peter)	199		2.9	1.8	20.5
358	129	Blackbird Toys	358	+10		1.6	22.3
322	247	Bodycote	309			2.0	19.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28 ↑		0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	480	+1		3.4	18.1
61	42	Booth Inds	51		0.7	1.7	
518	435½	Bowater	517	+7	11.5	2.8	20.4
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1380 ↑				
261	199	Bosmore Inds	261			1.8	19.5
19	12½	Brasway	15 ↑		0.5	4.3	∞
303	204	Brammer	303		13.0	5.4	22.6
27	12	Bridgend Gp	26		0.4	1.9	
123	64	Bridon	122			4.1	
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	82		4.1	6.3	15.4
45	31	Brierley Inv	45			7.1	11.1
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	248			1.3	
59	43	Br Bloodstock	59				
528	417	Br Polythene	516			2.4	18.5
118	54	Br Steel	113½	-½		1.1	
180	100	Br Syphon	105			3.6	29.4
18	11½	Br Thornton	18 ↑			1.7	∞
288	215	Br Vita	259	-1	7.1	3.5	15.9
19½	5½	Brixton Grp	15½			1.5	
730	555	Broken Hill	709	-3		2.6	33.6
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	106			5.2	13.8
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7½				
70	41	Brown & Tawse	66	+1			
132	91	Bullough	129	+1	6.0	5.9	22.1
25	11½	Business Tech	14 ↑	+½			
28	17	CI Group	23		1.0	5.4	22.1
25	11	Campbell & Arm	20				
34	6½	Cannon St	32½				
250	205	Cape	250			5.3	16.9
246	178	Carclo Eng	246		8.6	4.4	17.5
2880	2138	Carnaud MU	2500	-50		2.4	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	68			4.4	11.1
206	158	Castings	204		4.3	2.7	14.4
160	113	Chamberlin Hill	160		6.2	4.9	10.0
725	605	Charter	725	+13		3.8	17.1
322	220	Chemring	322			3.2	19.4
92	45	Chieftain Gp	52 ↑		5.1		11.1
39	17	Chillington	34	+5	0.2	0.8	
204	144	Christies Int	183	+3		1.0	
63	34	Clayhithe	62			5.0	
95	70	Clayton Son	94				
7	1	Co Designers	7 #		0.2		
400	295	Cohen (A)	308		6.8	2.8	∞
223	179	Community H	195		6.5	4.2	12.1
246	186½	Concentric	228			3.1	19.2
229	120	Cook (Wm)	229 ↑	+6	5.0	2.7	13.9
233	182	Cookson	230	+1		3.3	30.4
76	38	Copymore	71			1.8	20.9
238	130	Crmll Ptr 'A'	178		5.7	4.0	15.2
178	92	Cosalt	108		10.7		16.4
224	150	Creighton Nt	185			4.9	18.0
48	27	CrestaCare	44		0.5	1.4	38.1
3737½	2910½	Dana	3587½	-71½			
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	216	+1		0.7	20.5
243	143	David Brown	238	-2		3.2	16.9
167	110	Lilleshall	167 ↑			3.4	20.6
163	97	Lincat	163			3.9	14.1
19	4½	Lincoln Hse	19	+½			15.6
128	76	Linread	121		3.7	3.9	18.7
240	170	Linton Park	240	+7		7.3	8.7
15½	10½	Lionheart	12½		0.2	2.0	
22	15	Locker (T) A	21		1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	229	+2	9.4	5.2	17.5
135	70	Lonrho	129	-2		3.9	
390	269	Low & Bonar	380 ↑	-1		3.0	53.2
344	265	MB-Caradon	340	+4		3.3	36.1
171	135	-do- pf	166½	+3	7.2	5.4	
43	34½	ML Hldgs	36	+2			
43	27	MS Intl	41			7.6	42.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45			2.8	13.7
215	168	Macfarlane	214			1.9	34.2
460	379	McKechnie	457	-2	14.7	4.0	22.7
106	85	McLeod Russel	101	+1	6.0	7.4	12.3
10½	3½	Maddox	4				21.8
102	83	Magnolia	100	-1	0.1	0.1	16.1
106	71	Mang Bronze	101		1.0	1.2	
26½	19½	Marling	23½			3.5	
192	124	Mayborn	186			3.4	15.4
57	29	Mayflower	57	+½		2.8	47.2
236	85	Medeva	116			2.4	9.3
115	88	Meggitt	114			4.1	19.4
125	98	Metalrax	122	-1		3.7	19.8
150	126	Metrotect	138	-2		2.7	30.6
85	70	Metsec	85	+1			
83	29	Midsomes	75			1.3	10.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	23½		0.5	2.7	
500	368	Molins	500	+5		3.5	13.0
345	282	Morgan Cble	339	+2		4.6	18.1
184	134	Morris Ashby	176	+1		3.8	13.4
33	18	Neepsend	33 ↑	+2	0.7	2.8	44.3
71	34	Nelson-BNA	71	+2	3.1	5.5	17.0
191	122	Nobo Gp	186		4.8	3.2	18.4
173	122½	Norcros	168	-1		5.2	24.5
51	35	Novo Group	49 ↑			3.3	15.7
413	310	Nu-Swift	333				∞
57	36	Office Elec Mac	57		0.1	0.2	
39½	21	OMI Intl	32	-½	1.7	6.8	
140	123	PCT	128			7.1	14.5
48	36	Pacer Systems	37			10.3	
138	101	Pentland	106			3.0	14.3
395	310	Photo-Me	393		4.4	1.4	20.0
158	97½	Pilkington	156			3.2	
79	68	Plansbrook	78		3.0	4.8	12.3
154	125	Polypipe	139	+1	1.9	1.8	20.1
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34			4.6	15.0
11½	5½	Porth Gp	6				
376	306	Powerscreen	355	-1		2.3	19.5
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	-½	0.7	5.4	8.6
54	37½	RPS Group	52		3.2	5.4	11.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	80				
185	77	Ramco Oil	131			1.0	43.9
801	636	Rank Org	789	+10	31.0	4.9	21.5
33	18	Ransomes	18				
657	532	Reckitt Colm	618	+2		3.3	22.4
77	50	Record	72		3.6	6.3	35.4
7½	2½	Reeve	5½				
245	131	Relyon	245 ↑	+1	4.9	2.5	29.4
305	208	Renishaw	260		6.5	3.1	19.9
90	55	Renold	90			1.4	
1573	1240	Reuters	1555	+31	21.2	1.7	25.7
57	34½	Rexmore	57 ↑	-1	1.7	3.8	
155	91	Ricardo Group	152		5.7	4.7	42.7
69	58	Richard (Leics)	69	+1	4.4	8.0	
98	63	Richardson West	89	+1	3.0	4.3	22.5
129	109	Ropner	129	+1	8.2	8.0	18.3
127	97	-do- 'A'	127	+1	8.2	8.1	18.0
38	24	Ross Gp	28	-2	0.6	2.9	11.4
182	131½	Rotork	182	+5		2.6	21.1
160	89	Rubicon	160			3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	62	+1		2.0	
29	15	SEP Indl	27 ↑	+½		3.5	24.7
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	900	-12½			
53	30	Saville Grdn (J)	52		2.2	5.5	∞
249	205	Scapa	232	-1		3.0	17.7
238	192	Scholl	223	+1		3.5	16.2
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½				
1075	917	Securicor	1073		2.6	0.3	40.8
765	562	-do- 'A'	747	+4	2.6	0.4	28.4
660	465	Security Serv	631	+1	5.0	1.0	31.2
117½	77	Senior Eng	116½	-½		3.4	19.4
361	286	Seton Health	315			2.3	18.6
66	42	Sheldon Jones	64				

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	5	Davies (DT)	18				
712	632	De La Rue	704			3.0	18.7
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26		0.9	4.6	20.7
543	391	Diploma	543	+8	9.7	2.2	28.3
79	50	Dobson Park	79		5.7		14.2
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	116		3.0	5.4	∞
80	57	-do- 'A'	79	-1	5.0	7.9	∞
16½	8	EFG	12½				
440	367	EIS	439	-1		3.9	17.4
33	19	Elbief	23				
43	28	Elego	25		3.3		14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2125	-12½		2.6	
76	45	Elliott (B)	66	+3			
474½	394	Eng China Cl	466	+6		5.4	25.0
3237½	2350	Ericsson 'B'	3000	+37½		1.0	
53	32	Eurocopy	47		1.6		18.2
87	47	Expamet	76			5.2	1.8
717	494	Fairey Group	715		10.2	1.8	22.0
95	53	Fenner	81		4.2		15.7
66	32	Ferraris Group	56			2.2	13.1
1½	½	Ferrometa	1				
29	21	Ferrum	22		2.5	14.2	15.4
68	28	Fife Indmar	60	+4	0.5	1.1	
251	147	Fisons	180	+1		6.0	20.8
53	39	Fitzwilton	48			0.7	
288	215	Flogas	288			3.2	13.0
41	38	Folkes Group nv	38		1.5	4.9	21.6
78	56	French (Thomas)	78		3.6	5.8	39.1
240	160½	Frost Group	230		4.0	2.3	9.7
88	71	GEI Intl	84			7.4	
513	434	GKN	495	-3		5.3	32.5
51	42	GR Hldgs	46			5.4	
98	79	Garton Eng	98	+1	4.0	5.1	
160	103	Gestetner	165	-1	8.2	7.1	6.3
42	23	Gieves	31	-2			22.4
801	509	Glaxo	588	+15	17.0	3.6	16.2
38	16	Glenchewton	33				
318	245	Glynwed	316	-2	11.6	4.7	29.4
125	66	Goode Durrant	125 ↑	+2		5.4	
143	102	Grampian Hd	143	+2	5.5	4.8	24.8
456	341	Granada	432	-6	7.7	2.2	23.0
407	301	Great Shroud	392			3.5	16.1
96	79	Green (Ernst)	84			9.9	12.2
15½	8½	Greenacres	15			2.3	14.8
17	8	Guardian Grp	10½				
61½	30½	Haden MacLn	58½	-3		4.3	20.7
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	78 ↑			0.8	
235	115	Hall Eng	228		8.6	4.7	19.0
229	161	Halma	224 ↑	+1		1.1	30.8
40	30	Hampton Ind	39		1.6	5.1	12.9
265½	222	Hanson	261½	+1½		5.5	13.2
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206			4.2	12.5
198	147	Harrison Cruild	186	-3	9.0	6.2	26.3
68	38	Havelock Euro	68				
51	20	Hay (Norman)	48				
38	17	Headway	27		0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5			20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	384	+2	14.8	4.8	16.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210		3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	38		1.3		
161	112½	Hill & Smith	160			4.4	22.3
10½	6½	Hobson	10				48.1
159	87	Holders Tech	159 ↑			4.7	20.8
52	30	Hopkinsons	52		1.3	3.1	21.5
167	133	Hornby	155	-1		7.3	14.6
88	54½	Howden	87	-1	2.2	3.2	∞
260	173	Hunting	248	-1		5.0	20.9
500	269½	Huntleigh Tech	500			2.5	12.8
312	247	IMI	298	-1		4.2	25.5
112	90	IsA Intl	104		1.5	1.8	16.2
205	144	Intercare Gp	147	+1		2.2	15.5
255	235	Isoprop	245		1.9	3.0	15.7
543	360	Jardine Math	513	-11		2.4	18.6
537	425	Johnson Matth	502	+10		2.6	22.0
64	36½	Johnson & FB	44	+1	3.0	8.5	13.6
177	104	Johnston	163		3.2	2.5	
32	19	Jones Shipman	27				
35	18	Jourdan (T)	32		0.7	3.0	
76	26	Kalamazoo	76		2.1	3.5	17.7
178	73	Kalon	163½	-2½		2.5	22.5
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260		13.0		
545	468	Kenshaw (A)	535		21.0	6.3	27.8
235	75	Kleeneze	195	+4			
351	61	LOW	148		3.0	2.6	12.1
351	266	Laird	346	-1		3.8	17.0

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
133	88	Siebe	125		2.9	2.9	13.5
344	291	Sidlaw	336			3.8	20.4
561	427	Siebe	556	+6		2.3	19.8
370	230	Silentnight	370	+5		2.7	21.6
124	102	Sime Darby	123			1.6	14.1
142	32	Simon Eng	73	+2	5.0	8.6	16.7
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	202	+3	7.0	4.3	13.0
47	36	5th Hundred	38			5.8	
164	139½	Smith & Neph	148½	+1½		3.4	16.3
513	389	SmithKline	461 ↑	+12	8.6	2.3	16.7
450	340	Smthkline Uts	410 ↑	+11		3.2	14.8
394	320	Smiths Ind	385		11.2	3.7	15.7
140	58	Snan Bus	70		3.3	6.0	8.6
430	265	Spandex	428	+6		1.9	19.0
660	300	Spear (J W)	525	-25	4.0	1.4	9.7
374	314	Spirax-Sarco	371	+1		3.1	23.5
145	44	Spring Ram	76			0.6	20.8
270	222	Stoveley	260			4.1	14.7
162	126	Sterling Ind	161			4.3	24.7
26	11	Stonehill	22				
187	97	Suter	180		6.9	6.1	18.8
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	315	-15		2.8	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½				
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	-1		7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	275			4.3	18.3
374	279	TI	370 ↑	+1		3.6	25.3
28	12	TLS Range	27	+2		1.2	
290	211	TT Group	278	+5		3.0	17.1
249	230	Talbate	241		1.8	0.9	19.6
868	618	Takeda Chem	824	+18		0.5	21.9
66	24	Tex Hldgs	61				
109	70	Tinsley (E)	96			7.2	∞
225	150	Titon	225			2.0	19.6
271	212½	Tomkins	242½	-½		3.3	17.9
111½	67	Trafalgar H	111			3.6	8.1
579	346	Transfer Tech	490	+1	16.0	4.1	12.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174			5.0	20.9
253	214	Unichem	242	-1	5.6	2.9	15.8
375	279½	Unidare	375			5.2	12.2
76	11½	Unitgroup	40				
1249	936	Unilever	1075	+2	21.3	2.5	14.6
8112½	6362½	Unilever NV	6925	-62½		2.9	11.6
915	513	VSEL	880			4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	8½				
164	95½	Vickers	149			1.3	
367	243	Victaulic	310			3.2	15.2
440	283	Vinten	437			2.0	30.3
660	427	Vosper Thorny	660			3.0	16.0
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45			8.1	11.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	418 ↑			5.2	18.4
93	71	Walker Greenbk	93	+1	3.1	4.2	23.7
256	205	Wassall	245		2.5	1.3	24.7
40	22	Wirlord Widgwd	40				
384	291	Weir	310	-5		2.4	17.4
997	600	Wellcome	742	-1	13.0	2.2	20.5
23½	19	Wellman	20		0.9	5.6	32.6
343	260	West Hithcare	342 ↑			1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	496		9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	284			3.5	11.0
65	27	Whitecroft	61				
8½	4½	Widney	8				
120	44	Wilkes (James)	117	+1	3.5		31.8
366	295½	Williams Hldg	350	+5	12.5	4.5	18.3
39½	17	Wilshaw	35 ↑			1.8	22.1
661	533	Wolseley	656	+2	12.5	2.4	22.7
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125		1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40 ↑			3.1	
59	38	Young (H)	56		3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¾	1543¼	Alex & Alex	1650 ↑	-37½		4.1	
2312½	1787½	Am Gen	2300	-12½		3.2	
50	30	Archer (A)	49		4.4		23.8
148	118	Bradstock	141 ↑		5.1	4.5	17.4
498	359½	Britannic	461			3.1	
667	556	Com Union	613 ↑	+1		5.0	
1530	1225	Dom & Gen	1558			1.4	25.7
37	18	FAI	35	-2			
699	546	Gen Accident	690		26.7	4.9	
223	160	GRE	222	+9	7.0	4.0	18.2
411	293	Heath C E	406			4.9	
228	168	Hogg Gp	223		8.1	4.6	20.2
218	164	JIB Group	194	-6	7.5	4.8	19.6
513	408½	Legal & Gen	486	+3		4.9	28.5
1092	768	Liberty Life	945	-6		3.1	16.1
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	439	+1	17.3	5.0	15.4
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	332	-3	5.6	2.1	24.4
368	274	Londn & Man	345	-3	14.2	5.2	25.4
467	321	Lowndes Lmb	443 ↑	-1	13.5	3.8	15.9
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5950	-112½			
99	76	Oriel	99			6.3	
72	50½	PWS	71		4.0	7.0	10.3
349	295½	Prudential	339	+3		4.4	22.5
1138	800	Refuge	988		31.5	4.0	27.4
347	248	Royal	319			2.6	
294	150	Sedgwick	194 ↑			3.9	23.5
261	205	Steel Burrill	252			6.6	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	86	+1	8.2		8.7
399	307	Sun Alliance	390	+4	14.2	4.6	
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55				
330	239	Transatlantic	330 ↑		12.0	4.5	30.6
773	490	Utd Friendly	635	+5	14.5	2.9	27.7
242	171	Willis Corroon	236			3.5	50.4
20	13½	Windsor	19				14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1820	1548	Alliance	1811	+8	45.0	3.1	39.3
264	226½	Amer Trust	252	-1	4.9	2.4	52.3
404	304	Ang & O'seas	402 ↑	+2	6.8	2.1	51.0
146½	124	BZW Conv	146½	+1½	7.8	6.7	17.1
186	133½	Bankers	182	+½	3.4	2.4	50.0
317	264	Baring Tribne	317	+1	6.4	2.5	50.1
188	131	Berry Starq	188	+1	2.2	1.5	61.1
110	96½	Br Assets	109½	+1		4.9	26.5
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	81		0.8	1.4	
29	14	-do- Wnts	28½				
198	156	Br Inv	198	+2	4.5	2.8	44.6
189	130	Contl Asset	189		2.4	1.6	62.9
195	143	Derby Inc	151			11.8	9.1
280	195	-do- Cap	278	+3			
79	62	Draymo Blue	79		8.4	13.3	8.8
81	35	-do- Eng Intl	81	+1	1.2	1.9	
133	84	-do- Far East	129		0.6	0.6	
122	95	-do- Korea	112		0.5	0.6	
664	576	Dunedin Inc G	664	+4	25.4	4.8	30.1
100	94	-do- Japan	100	+1			
55	38	-do- Warrants	53				
694	513	-do- Wwde	694	+3	9.5	1.7	71.5
292	222	Dundee & Lon	292			1.9	26.9
300	250½	Edinburgh	298½	+1½	8.4	3.5	32.7
287	183	Electra Inv	284	+1	6.7	2.9	38.7
190	141	Electric Gen	190 ↑		3.1	2.0	∞
113	85	English Scot	113				
298	206	European Asset	297			2.4	38.6
123	77	Finsbury 'A'	123	+1	3.0	3.0	39.6
291	248	Fleming Amer	286	-1	0.7	0.3	
219	190½	-do- Claver	215			3.1	42.4
318	212	Do Contl	315		2.7	1.1	
202	147	-do- Enrp	202 ↑	+1	4.7	2.9	∞
334	213	-do- F East	320	-1	1.1	0.4	
325	246	-do- Fledg	325	+2	3.0	1.2	
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	105	+1		5.2	18.0
260	136	-do- Japan	241	-1	0.3	0.2	
289	250	-do- Merc	289	+5	6.7	2.9	61.5
292	212	-do- O'seas	290	+1	4.0	1.7	69.2
258	203	Foreign & Col	252 ↑			1.7	68.6
214	164	-do- Eurost	214		1.2	0.7	
126	87	-do- German	124		0.5	0.5	
319	191	-do- Pacific	299		1.9	0.8	
162½	116	-do- Smaller	162	+1	1.8	1.4	
272	145	GT Japan	252	+1		0.6	
149	65	Genl Cons Cap	149	+3			
123½	96½	-do- Inc	113 ↑			9.3	11.7
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	141	+1			
316	184	-do- Oriental	304	+½	0.9	0.4	
282	207	-do- Strategy	282	+3		3.0	38.9
396	340	Greenfriar	396	+1		2.0	99.5
19	5	Gresham House	19				
55	47	Independent Inv	55	+½	0.6	1.4	∞
143	124	Inv Cap	143	+1	5.1	4.5	28.7
97	77	I&S UK Smllr	96		2.8	3.6	26.8
208	150½	Kleinwort Chn	206	+1	5.0	3.0	40.5
239	176	-do- O'seas	239½		3.3	1.8	66.3
127	108	-do- Smlr	127		4.0	3.9	30.8
680	540	Law Debenture	674 ↑	+1	18.2	3.4	33.7
194	164	Majedie	194			3.1	37.5

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272	221	Merchants	267		10.6	5.0	24.8
6350	3700	Merrill Lynch	6225½	-87½			
490	383	Monks Inv Tst	480	+1		1.7	62.1
133	105	Mont Gern Inc	133			4.3	26.4
48	23	Do Warrants	48	+1			
56	39	Murray Euro	55		0.1	0.6	
21	4½	Do Wts	8	-½			
344	282	Murray Income	344	+1	10.9	4.0	∞
340	265	-do- Intl	338	+1	11.6	4.3	30.2
382	283	-do- Small	382	+1		1.4	
103	93	-do- S C Inc	93			14.2	9.1
135	73	-do- S C Cap	133				
3050	2750	-do- S C Uts	2950			4.5	
154	142½	-do- S/C DF	154	+½			
315	250	-do- Verz	312			4.1	34.6
90	56½	New Frontier	89½	-1	0.2	0.3	
87	68	Nwthrog Inc	87		6.7	9.7	16.3
136	249	Osaka Inv Tst	332	+1	2.8	1.1	
411	265	Pacific Assets	395		1.1	0.3	
314	187	Do Warrants	295				
1000	7650	Personal Assets	9300			2.4	49.6
154	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	155		1.1	0.9	
126	108	River & Merc	122 ↑		5.2	9.4	12.2
419	351	Robeco	418			3.0	
421	342	Rolinco	418			1.8	
290	214	St Andrew Inv	276 ↑	-½	7.5	3.4	32.1
156½	131	Scot American	156 ↑	+2		3.7	33.0
225	136	Scot Asian	218				
505	225	do Warrants	498				
81½	65½	-do- Eastern	81½	+2	1.3	2.3	35.2
222	183	Scottish	222	+3	4.6	2.6	46.0
225	178	-do- Mrge	222	+1	4.0	2.3	57.6
94	71	-do- Value	94	+1		3.4	66.9
1592	1300	Second Alince	1586	+2	36.5	2.9	42.6
91	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	89½	+1	3.2	4.5	29.6
157	109	Selective Asset	156	+½	1.2	1.0	56.1
35	14	Sphere Inv	34		3.1	11.7	10.7
164	112	TR Far East	154 ↑		4.5	3.7	33.8
154	126	TR City Of Lon	154 ↑	+2½	4.8	3.9	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	162	+1	0.3	0.3	
32	17	TR Property	30	+½	0.9	3.7	32.0
100	47	TR Tech Inv	100	+1	1.7	2.2	37.1
196½	146	TR Smlr Cos	196½		3.8	2.4	∞
348	263	Temple Bar	337 ↑		23.2	4.9	25.4
97	69	Throgmtn Asian E	94		0.5	0.7	
78½	54	Throgmorton	78½	+½	2.3	3.1	32.1
560	363	Throg Dual Cp	548	+5			
230	178	USDC Invest	230	+1	4.5	2.4	42.3
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	107½	+½	3.6	4.2	23.0
673	542	Wntbread Inv	671	+2	16.5	3.1	43.6
216	181	Witan	215	+1½	5.6	3.3	37.7

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	269	Airtours	399	+20	7.2	2.3	14.1
64	42	AKI Lsrs	59		4.7		16.9
357	104	Anglia TV	351			3.5	15.3
103	63	Baldrate	25 ↑		3.0	5.0	10.2
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	222		10.0	5.6	14.3
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1245		22.0	2.2	18.7
153	90	Border TV	136			3.1	∞
10½	4½	Brent Walker	6½	-½			
58	46	Bristol Scots	53				
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½				
292	110	Carrgarl	136			11.0	
230	171	Capital Radio	229		5.2	2.9	26.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	776	-5	17.0	2.7	23.5
200	159	Castle Comms	185	+5		5.7	16.9
2080	1615	Central TV	1968	+5	38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	77				
589	470	Compass Gp	580	+5		2.8	17.4
350	175	Eurocamp	317		9.7	5.6	9.0
1180	610	Euro Disney	668	+3		1.7	
5	3½	Euro Leisure	5½				
36	16	Ex-Lands	33½				
390	245	Fairline Boats	370	+1	10.5	4.9	
378	290½	First Leisure	395	+1	6.1	2.6	20.3
515	398	GWR Grp	515			1.7	26.5
239	149	Grampian	238		6.1	3.2	16.5
15	4½	Greenwich Coms	14				
67	19	HTV Group	62				27.5
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	58	-2		4.3	
12½	5½	Kunick	11½				
490	262	LWT CP	465			1.3	21.5
487	327	Man Utd	487	-8	18.0	4.6	16.7
148	59	Owners Abrd	84		3.5	5.3	6.6
73	33	The Pelican Gp	73			1.9	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure	136	+1		3.0	12.6
30	16	Quadrant Grp	30				
331	274	Radio Clyde	330			3.3	25.1
200	132	Ramsdens (H)	198	+5		2.8	26.3
553	431	Scot TV	521	+2	9.9	2.4	25.6
60	37	Southern Radio	51	+2	0.7	1.9	21.2
260	168	Stanley Leisure	257		4.3	2.1	20.3
10	5½	Sunleigh	8½				
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120		3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	365½			0.4	∞
2½	1	Tickering	2½				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	95				3.1
78	44	Trans World	57			1.8	20.8
489	274	Ulster TV	487		10.0	2.6	14.9
101	62	Vardon	99		0.7	0.9	23.4
22	11	Wembley	18	-1	0.2	1.4	
48	7½	Whitegate	42				
218	110	Yorkshire TV	216	+2	12.0	6.9	6.5
120	83	Zetters Gp	114 ↑		8.0	8.8	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4600	-9½		4.5	22.1
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1387½	-25		6.7	7.0
2300	1125	Ang Am	2062½			3.4	17.0
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	27½				
133	33	Blyvoors	112	-2		5.5	6.2
46	18	Bracken	29	-3			1.5
671	237	Buffels	642	-27		10.2	∞
2½	1	Butte	2				
703	546	CRA	689	-14		3.0	22.2
47½	11	Cluff Res	29½	-1			
1312½	762½	De Beers	1237½	-28½		4.1	16.0
165	37½	Deelkraal	120			1.7	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	43				
913	388	Driefontein	663	-31		4.6	∞
709	120	Durban	500	-18			
201	47	E Rand Gold	121	-1		9.7	3.3
270	54	E Rand Prop	209				
604	117	Elandsrand	333	-18		3.7	7.7
899	292	FS Cons	720	-24		7.1	8.6
80	8	FS Dev	54	-3			
1675	725	GFSA	1194	-24		3.4	∞
180	125	Gencor	152	-5		6.5	11.8
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	49½	-2½		2.8	12.1
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½				
187	49	Grootvlei	94	-14		11.2	5.5
360	78	Harmony	280	-11			
425	87	Hartles	283	-11		6.9	∞
16	8½	Inoco	15½	+½			
1010	491	Impala Plat	784			3.6	25.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½				
1080	332	Kinross	833	-12		6.1	9.1
913	319	Kloof	617	-19		3.6	∞
137	25	Leslie	98	-4		4.3	9.8
219	13	Loraine	157	-4			
840	620	Lydenburg	780			2.6	∞
116½	87½	MIM	98	-1½		2.3	44.7
1265	820	Minorco	1162	-16		3.4	12.9
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	133	-1		3.7	20.5
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1825	-77½		7.2	13.9
735	607	RTZ	734	+10		3.5	27.6
637½	425	Rand Mines	590½	-12½		9.0	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	525	-19		5.7	∞
192	115	Renison	186	-4		2.7	16.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1062½			3.1	∞
755	191	St Helena	492	-6		5.0	9.9
2168	475	Southvaal	1680	-58		3.4	29.2
133	18	Stilfontein	87			7.3	15.1
201	58	Unisel	119	-3		2.6	11.5
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4887½	-100		4.5	8.4
582	154	Welkom	466	-19		7.3	13.8
351	26	Western Areas	273	-15		2.6	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2125	-75		3.0	9.8
283	176	Wstrn Mining	252	-8			
1029	323	Winkels	866	-20		1.2	7.1
84	56	Zambia Copper	68	-1			
68	18	Zandpan	49			6.3	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233				
130	95	Airflow Stream	130		3.0	2.9	12.5
160	82	Appleyard	158		5.2	4.1	
306	203	Blenchley Mtr	305	+5		3.6	15.6
160	120	Bostrom	160		6.0	4.8	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	450	+3	7.0	1.9	
52	19½	Burndene	47			3.1	12.5
388	303	Caffyns	388		11.5	3.7	78.5
12½	4½	Caverdale	12				
143	98	Central Mtrs	133 ↑			3.8	33.8
29	18	Cook (DC)	22 ↑			2.8	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	247 ↑	-6	6.2	3.2	18.8
133	86	Dag Motors	133		5.7	5.4	24.0
155	102½	Davmpt Vern	155	+3		3.3	19.6
300	155	ERF	298		2.0	0.8	
131	92	European Mtr	131			3.3	18.4
396	208	Evans Halshaw	396		11.8	3.6	60.3
290	226	FR Group	281			3.2	13.1
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3450 ↑	-43½			
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3137½	-12½		1.6	
75	38	Gowrings	75		2.0	3.3	
222	85	Henlys	222		3.0	1.7	
917	650	Honda Motor	916	+19		0.6	
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26				
108	66	Jessups	102		4.5	5.5	
166	97	Kwik-Fit	165			2.5	29.5
418	261	Lex Service	409 ↑			3.2	22.4
159	85	Lookers	158 ↑		6.2	4.9	
163	126	Lucas	159	+4	7.0	5.5	
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½				
276	224½	Pendragon	276			3.0	22.3
198	106	Perry Gp	198		6.0	3.8	
185	108	Quicks Group	185			3.1	23.4
164	99	Rolls-Royce	160	+1½		3.9	
223	164	T & N	213			6.4	34.1
208	163	Trinity Hldgs	208			3.3	∞
163	125	Vardy (Reg)	163			3.2	22.8
244	121	Westland	244	+8	4.2	2.2	21.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	103	Adscene	166		4.0	3.0	17.7
340	315	Black (A&C)	340		13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	449	-1		2.5	16.7
370	225	Bristol	345			4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101	+25	13.0	1.6	22.7
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£100½		13.0	1.6	22.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	297			1.3	28.4
373	322	EMAP	362			2.7	22.3
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1078		29.5	3.4	24.3
237	170	Harrington K	224		4.5	2.5	18.3
418	233	Haynes Pub	418		6.0	1.8	18.0
355	343	Hodder H'line	356		5.0	1.6	30.2
140	99	Home Counts	139		6.0	5.4	
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	133				19.2
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	8	+½			
395	240	Independent	395			3.0	19.2
561	395	Johnstone Press	561		6.2	1.4	24.3
316	243	Metal Bulletin	315 ↑		8.0	3.2	22.2
181	88	Mirror Gp	176	+1			
437	297	News Corp	437	+2		0.3	∞
266	169	News Intl	266	+7	1.3	0.6	∞
493	354	Pearson	493	+4		3.0	30.1
675	510	Portsmth Sund	626			1.9	17.3
719	618	Reed Int	717	-1		3.0	31.0
148	98	Southnews	148			1.8	27.4
171	90	Sterling Pub	170			2.2	18.5
420	328	Telegraph	420	-1		3.3	17.4
825	715	Thomson Corp	715 ↑	-20		2.1	35.7
386	313	Trinity Intl	386	+1	8.7	2.8	23.1
39	29	Unit Group	29				
593½	480½	Utd Nwspprs	575	+2		4.7	17.0

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	31				30.2
61	37	Arcon Intl	43				
69½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	69½				
83	26	Aviva Pet	64				
16	9	Beverley	11½				
205	145	Br Borneo	203		7.1	4.4	6.1
339½	276	British Gas	330½	+1½	14.2	5.4	16.0
326	225	Br Petroleum	320 ↑	-1	8.4	3.3	25.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½				
786	675	Burmah Castrl	785	+13		4.0	16.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	60	+5			8.6
277	223	Calor Gp	277	+3		5.4	23.1
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	54	-½			
44	27	Coplex Res	39				
23½	10	Edin Oil & Gas	19½				
521	397	Enterprise	480	+29	16.0	4.2	59.2
88	33	Exp Co Louis	39				
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	25½			2.3	9.1
67	45	Goal Pet	59		1.4	3.0	11.3
44	18	Gt Western Res	44	+2			
175	104½	Hardy O & G	174	+3		0.7	16.2
46	18½	Kelt Energy	42				
195	130	LASMO	159½	+7½	3.3	2.7	31.1
103	63	-do- Units	79		9.4	15.0	
34	10	Mid Sea Res	11				

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
51	34	Monument	50½	+½			
4½	4	New London	5½				
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27		1.0	4.6	8.5
35	27	Oil Search	32	-1			
16	11½	Peruz	14½				
134	99	Pict Pet	134	+8			18.6
29½	18	Premier	25				9.2
115	90	Presidio	115			5.3	
393	290	Ranger	320	-5		5.0	
6712½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6712½			4.5	16.8
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4387½	-34½		1.8	
67	47	Seafield	53				
679	515	Shell	678	+4	21.9	4.0	30.9
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179				
41	21	Triton Europe	26				5.9
12½	6	Villiers Grp	11 ↑	-½			
172	141	Woodside	151½	-3½		2.4	

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	132			5.0	12.0
331	249	API	323		7.5	2.9	28.1
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	207	+3		3.9	23.3
535	406	Abbott Mead	534	+1	9.1	2.2	27.7
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½				
40	13	Aegis Gp	38	-1			
212	118	Aspen Comms	135			4.6	12.1
13	7	BBB Design	13				
404	234½	Bemrose	404			3.6	16.0
33	12	Birkdale	13		0.2	1.9	11.0
146	118	Bunzl	146		4.0	3.4	22.0
302	257	CLA Gp	302 ↑			1.8	19.1
227	93	Capital Inds	227			1.8	21.7
93	44	Cty of Lon	77			6.3	14.2
236	169	Cropper (James)	236		3.1	1.6	22.8
6	6	Crown Comms	6 #				
92	51	Delyn Pckging	90		1.6	2.3	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106		4.5	5.3	36.2
79	42	Dudley Jenkins	79 ↑	+1		4.9	18.0
15½	11½	Elswick	12			3.1	15.4
73	41	Fairway Group	66 ↑	+1	3.1	6.0	19.5
334	271	Ferguson Intl	334			4.7	15.1
108	92	Ferry Pick	105			6.7	28.1
137	74	Filofax	137			1.1	17.6
20	14	Fitch	15½				
132	69	Gibbon Lyons	130			5.2	13.5
295	247	Gold Greenless	285		8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	24		0.5	2.6	
88	35	Hunterprint	50				
185	136	Intereurope	160		7.4	5.9	10.5
261	191	Jarvis Porter	251			2.1	23.4
32	15½	Lopex	25				
309	175	More O'Ferrall	309		13.2	5.3	17.0
133	48	NMC Group	127		2.0	2.0	19.4
140	66	Osborne & Little	140	+3		4.1	15.4
525	455	Portals	524	+10		3.5	17.9
266	167	Quarto	256	+3	5.3	3.3	14.3
347	287	St Ives Gp	307	+2	5.2	2.1	20.9
185½	142½	Saatchi	164				
474	333	Sappi	360			10.3	6.9
27½	11½	Serif	21½	+15			
32½	14	Shandwick	24½	-½			
397	294	Smith David	389			3.2	30.4
295	214	Smurfit Jeff	249			2.9	16.9
68	45	Somic	61	+1	1.5	3.1	25.0
240	183	Sta-Plus	229		8.0	4.4	33.4
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	+½	0.3	1.4	22.9
68	38	VTR	68			6.2	19.3
97	40	WPP	96	-1		1.3	3.6
101	62	Wace	101	-3			
256	203	Waddington (J)	256	+1		3.9	19.2
728	540	Warmough	728		11.5	2.0	26.6
7	4½	Westport	6				
34	12	Whittes Mca	24				
97	55	Wood (SW)	79	+2		2.0	16.9

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
97	41	Allied Lon	97	+3	3.5	4.5	
63	58	Arcadian	62				
10½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6				
101	52	Asda	101			2.6	10.6
139	88	Avonside	136		4.0	3.7	19.0
2637½	2062½	BCE	2262½				
645	396	Bilton	645	+15	18.9	3.7	25.3
110	23	Bourne End	92		1.0	1.4	
224	150	Bradford	222		5.4	3.0	22.5
23	5	Bredero	14				
385	166½	Br Land	380	+2		2.3	34.6
240	140½	Brixton	225	-2		4.6	17.8
77	42	Burford	77	+2		1.9	
165	99	Cap & Regnl	165	+1		0.8	
205	120	Cardiff Prop	205		2.4	1.5	
428	196	Chesterfield	428	+9	11.0	3.2	30.6
41	12	Cty Ske Ests	41	+1	1.4		
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21				
53	34	Conrad Ritbl GS	50	-1			
1248	818	Daejan	1245 ↑			2.7	15.4
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½				
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	94	+1		4.0	18.3
12	4	De Morgan	8				
149	76	Dencora	149	+6	3.0	2.5	
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	540	+10	8.6	2.0	67.3
44½	10	Development Sec	44½	+½			
55	25	Dwyer	54	+1			
300	170	Estates Agency	300	+40	3.0		27.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	21				
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	206	-3		2.8	18.2
31½	11	Five Oaks	31½	+½			
63	30	Fletcher King	62		1.0	2.0	41.1
459	276½	Frogmore	459	+3		4.1	26.7
200	91	Grainger	199		5.2	3.3	44.5
211	116½	Gr Portland	211	+9		5.9	20.2
26½	7½	Greycoat	25	+3	5.2		
151	101	HK Land	147	-4		4.4	20.1
77	35	Hambro Cntyw	75	-1	0.5	0.8	
401	257½	Hammerson	392	+2	10.0	3.2	39.7
663	245	-do- 'A'	384	+3	10.0	3.4	36.8
253	127	Helical Bar	253			2.4	9.1
32½	19	Hemingway	32½	+1½			
132	56	Herring Baker	78	+2	3.2	6.0	19.6
153	133	Jermyn	138				
682	435	Land Sec	678	+5	22.8	4.2	30.4
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	104		4.0	4.8	16.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½				
499	315½	MEPC	491	+3		5.1	21.1
9	5	McInerney A	9 #				
135	90	McKay Secs	132 ↑		3.5	3.3	∞
7½	3	Markheath	5½	+½	0.5		
49	12	Merivale Mre	41		1.0		
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #				
40	29	Moorfield Est	40				
1250	775	Mountview	1200		20.0	2.1	11.9
168	112	Mucklow (A&J)	168		5.9	4.4	23.6
46	30	Olives Prop	35	-1	1.5	5.4	
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5		0.1		1.5
153	88	PSIT	153 ↑	+2	4.1	3.4	30.3
286	138	Peel	286 ↑	+7	4.0	1.7	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7				0.8
48	22	Property Trust	44	-1			∞
75	42	Raglan	47	+1			
29	11	Regalian	18	-½			
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130		1.5	1.5	34.5
40	16	St Modwen Prp	40	+3	0.6	1.9	30.5
70	39	Savills	60	-1½		2.1	23.8
91	34	Scot Met	91	+2	1.5		
105	39	Shaftesbury	99				
15½	5	Shield	12	-½			6.3
243	139½	Slough Estates	240	-1		4.3	16.0
82	56	Southend Prop	77	+2	4.2	6.9	
36	16	Stanhope Prps	28				
185	114	Tops Ests	184 ↑		2.1	1.4	65.6
125	79	Town Centre	125		3.1	3.1	23.3
83	43	Trafford Park	76	+1	2.5	4.2	20.5
66	3	UK Land	5½				
9½	4	Union Square	5				
258	180	Warner	255		10.5	5.1	23.3
215	168	Warnford	215 ↑		7.5	4.4	15.8
8	2	Waterglade	2½				
87	35	Wates	87	+2	0.7		
76	40	Wood John D	68	+1			

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Amomagic	16				
168	84	Headlam	168			1.9	37.9
300	315	Lambert	315		13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	63		2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27		1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	179 ↑			2.1	68.5
66	53	UK Safety	66			23.8	2.2

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	484 ↑		12.6	3.3	15.6
69	54	Beckman (A)	61		4.7		12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	34				17.3
170	141	Br Mohair	169		8.5	6.3	15.8
53	15	Charnwell	41				
345	298	Claremont Gs	338		7.2	2.7	21.1
601	522	Courtauld Text	568	+8	13.6	3.0	15.5
53½	24½	Cupid	29				
249½	205	Dawson	226			5.0	17.2
38	22	Drummond	38				
81	65	Faupel	81			7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22				
133	82	Gaskell	119	+2	4.2	4.5	
214	156	Hicking Pntcst	214			3.3	16.6
62	45	Jerome (S)	62	+1			
365	249	Lamont	350	+2	12.0	4.3	23.1
506	353½	Leeds	504	+5		1.8	21.3
42	15	Lister	42		0.1	0.3	
122	78	Lyles (S)	98		4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	178		1.4	1.0	
166	69	Parkland 'A'	165	-1	2.0	1.5	
102½	82	Readicut	100½	+1		4.3	18.9
53	35	SEET	48				
104	72	Sirdar	104	+1	5.1	6.2	18.3
72	44	Stirling Gp	70 ↑		1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	46			4.1	42.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	-1	11.5	3.8	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	41 ↑	+4	2.5	7.6	∞
208½	126	Yorklyde	182	-1		3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	476	+½		4.9	14.3
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	717½	+13½	11.5	2.0	14.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	468	+1		2.3	
818	707	BAA	818	+19		2.4	20.3
359½	249	Br Airways	355	+2		3.7	19.5
106	56	Clarkson (H)	99	-4	1.5	1.9	
30	23	Davies Newman	23 #				
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	477	+11			
82	44	Fisher (James)	82		1.0	1.5	22.0
205	147	IoM Steam	205			4.9	10.7
34	24	Jacobs (J)	32		0.5	2.0	
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	77			1.6	15.1
2950	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2950	+37½	4.5	0.2	16.1
384	280	Mersey Docks	376		7.5	2.5	23.9
263	181	Natl Express	263			3.4	18.8
284	230	NFC	277	+7½	6.5	3.0	21.0
334	244	Ocean Group	325			5.5	27.0
73	40	Ocean Wilson	73		4.0	6.8	13.2
676	504	P & O Dfd	647	-4		5.9	35.1
155	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155			4.4	
563	448	Powell Duffryn	555	-5		5.1	21.5
170	117	Seacon	170			3.8	10.5
148	112	Stagecoach	147			3.2	∞
60	31½	TNT	53	+1			
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	738		11.8	2.0	28.3
382	173	Tiphook	235	+1		10.3	
298	227	TDG	265	+1		4.5	8.7

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	533	+6		4.9	10.8
652	547	Northumbrian	648	+12		4.3	8.7
537½	431½	North West	519	+4		5.2	9.3
552½	439	Severn Trent	549	+8		4.8	8.8
577	454	Sthrn Water	568	+10		4.7	9.5
1545	1225	Sth Staffs	1546	+20	47.0	3.8	11.0
569	465	South West	563	+6		5.3	9.2
563	454	Thames Water	541	+2		4.9	10.6
639	506	Welsh Water	628	+7		4.7	6.3
649	536	Wessex Water	646	+11		4.2	9.7
593	473½	Yorkshire W	558	+5		4.8	9.5

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100 ↑		6.00	
106½	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	101⅞	-⅛	13.51	5.59
102¾	101½	Treas 8½% 1994	101½		8.40	5.54
109¼	104⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	104⅞	-⅛	13.88	5.34
109½	105½	Exch 13½% 1994	105½	-⅛	12.84	5.49
105¾	103½	Treas 10% 1994	103½	-⅛	9.67	5.46
110½	106¾	Exch 12½% 1994	106¾	-⅛	11.71	5.37
105¾	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104½	-⅛	8.64	5.43
111⅞	108½	Treas 12% 1995	108⅞	-⅛	11.04	5.42
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅞		3.10	4.89
109¼	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	108½	-⅛	9.47	5.61
116⅞	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114½	-⅛	11.15	5.70
120½	117½	Treas 14% 1996	118	-⅛	11.86	5.82
125¾	121⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	122½	-⅛	12.44	5.94
120⅞	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅞	-⅛	11.23	5.97
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111½	-⅛	9.00	6.09
122⅞	118⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	121		10.95	6.25
113½	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	113½ ↑		9.28	6.22
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108⅞ ↑	+⅛	8.05	6.24
132⅞	127⅞	Exch 15% 1997	130½	-⅛	11.51	6.51
112⅞	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	112½	-⅛	8.66	6.39
103½	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	103⅞ ↑	+⅛	6.98	6.28
101½	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅞		6.68	6.05
129½	125⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	128⅞	+⅛	10.88	6.79

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅞	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅞	+⅛	11.25	6.62
123⅞	118½	Exch 12% 1998	122⅞	+⅛	9.76	6.70
113⅞	108½	Treas 9½% 1999	113⅞	+⅛	8.39	6.52
125⅞	120½	Exch 12¼% 1999	125½ ↑	+⅛	9.79	6.77
118⅞	112⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	118⅞	+⅛	8.89	6.63
118⅞	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	118½	+⅛	8.68	6.65
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112½ ↑	+⅛	8.00	6.60
132⅞	125½	Treas 13% 2000	132⅞	+⅛	9.80	6.94
118½	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	117⅞	+⅛	8.48	6.89
118½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	118½	+⅛	8.24	6.98
108⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	108⅞	+⅛	7.40	6.85
121½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	121⅞ ↑	+1⅛	8.23	6.97
125⅞	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124⅞	+⅛	9.20	7.17
80⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80⅞	+⅛	4.35	5.96
118⅞	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	118⅞	+1⅛	8.02	7.07
118½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	118½	+1⅛	8.00	7.10
136⅞	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136⅞	+1⅛	9.16	7.35
106⅞	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	106⅞	+⅛	7.52	7.08
129⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129⅞	+⅛	9.06	7.31
112⅞	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	111⅞	+1⅛	7.64	7.19
144⅞	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144⅞ ↑	+1⅛	9.33	7.35

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117	101½	Treas 9% 2008	116⅞	+1⅛	7.76	7.23
107⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	107⅞ ↑	+1⅛	7.47	7.25
117½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	116⅞	+1⅛	7.69	7.28
117⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	117⅞	+1⅛	7.67	7.28
85⅞	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85⅞ ↑	+1⅛	6.44	6.88
106	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105⅞	+1⅛	7.35	7.23
109⅞	93⅞	Treas 8% 2013	107⅞ ↑	+1⅛	7.46	7.30
147½	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	146⅞	+1½	8.17	7.47
116⅞	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	116⅞	+1½	7.54	7.30

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
47½	38½	War Ln 3½%	47½	+⅛	7.36	
34½	27⅞	Treas 2½%	33½ ↑	+½	7.49	

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134⅞	-⅛		0.12
199⅞	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	199⅞ ↑	+⅛	1.50	2.36
110½	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110½	+½	1.89	2.53
168½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168½ ↑	+⅛	2.68	3.02
165⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165⅞	+½	2.79	3.10
113	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	113	+½	2.81	3.10
174½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	174½	+⅛	2.86	3.09
158⅞	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	158⅞	+½	3.03	3.22
164⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164⅞	+½	3.07	3.25
136½	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	136½	+½	3.10	3.27
146⅞	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	146½	+½	3.13	3.29
141½	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141½	+½	3.18	3.32
118½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118½	+½	3.18	3.31
118½	103⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	118½	+½	3.19	3.31

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Masterrust	128.20	137.10	+1.20	1.25
International	97.67	103.90	+0.60	.30
Dividend Gth	61.76	65.70†	+0.23	4.28
Global Gth Sec	63.31	67.35	+0.04	2.45
Ethical Growth	69.72	74.16	+1.40	2.40
High Inc Equity	164.30	174.70†	+0.70	4.50
Worldwide Bond	270.80	287.20†	+1.20	3.66
Gilts Fixed Int	136.40	144.60	+0.40	5.53
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580; 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6001				
Amer Inc Gth	44.73	47.20	+0.09	0.66
European	90.12	95.48	+1.02	...
European Inc	85.15	90.32†	+1.82	1.66
Exempt	956.50	985.60†	+2.00	3.88
Extra Inc	49.69	54.04	+0.15	4.83
F East Emerg Ec	91.21	98.34†	-0.15	0.66
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	417.90	446.70	+2.60	3.68
Equity Inc	231.30	247.20	+1.40	3.69
High Yield	259.40	277.20	+2.60	3.69
Balanced	690.60	738.20	+6.90	2.38
American Inc	50.64	54.13†	+1.57	2.96
Wld Asset Val	43.67	46.68†	+0.61	0.96
Japan	215.00	229.00	+4.70	0.01
Secs of Am	425.00	451.00	+9.30	0.46
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	340.50	362.30	+1.80	2.44
-do- Inc	241.20	256.70	+1.30	2.44
Higher Inc Acc	633.30	673.80	+2.70	3.46
-do- Inc	384.70	409.30	+1.60	3.46
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	186.00	198.40	+0.70	5.76
-do- Inc	97.47	102.90	+0.40	5.76
Nth America	247.70	263.80	-1.70	...
Far East	326.30	347.10	+5.00	0.18
Europe	249.10	265.00	+2.40	0.77
General Inc	462.00	491.30	+2.70	2.25
-do- Acc	506.70	539.10	+2.90	2.25
Brit Excell	69.00	73.41	+0.16	2.49
Brit Fndmtls Inc	74.69	79.68	-0.05	4.29
Brit Fndmtls Acc	96.53	102.70	...	4.29
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	113.20	121.00	+0.80	2.68
Euro Gth Inc	123.80	131.40	-0.70	0.64
Extra Inc	116.90	125.10	-0.20	4.12
General	261.60	279.80	+2.20	2.57
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.98	63.04	-0.01	7.95
Income	528.20	564.90	+1.70	3.93
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9082				
American Gth	94.01	99.77	-0.43	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	124.50	133.10	-2.30	...
Convertibles	57.07	61.03	-0.75	7.00
Eastern	196.30	211.40	-0.70	1.60
Equity Income	89.56	95.27	-0.98	6.20
European Gth	252.90	268.90	-1.90	1.50
Europe	165.60	176.70	+1.20	1.50
Exempt	87.85	90.21†	+0.43	3.50
German Growth	68.16	72.56	...	0.70
Global Growth	113.90	121.70	...	...
Japan Growth	212.60	227.50	+4.10	...
Japan Sunrise	186.90	200.10	+4.70	...
Portfolio	126.50	135.30†	-0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	227.50	243.40	-0.30	3.20
UK Growth	89.02	94.70	+2.12	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	92.00	98.39	+1.66	1.90
Select Managers	68.84	73.59	+0.40	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	112.65	120.48	+1.17	1.87
-do- Inc	102.41	109.53	+1.06	1.87
Global Bond	30.85	32.73	+0.25	5.37
High Yield Acc	59.88	64.05	+0.24	3.50
-do- Inc	42.99	45.98†	+0.17	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	103.98	111.20	+1.50	1.35
-do- Inc	95.57	102.21	+1.39	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	61.86	66.16	+1.12	...
-do- Inc	60.70	64.92†	+1.09	...
Euro Gth Acc	114.12	122.06	-1.21	1.07
-do- Inc	112.56	120.38	-1.20	1.07
Mngd P folio	38.89	41.59	+0.29	1.29
Pacific Growth	110.34	118.01	+0.41	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	102.81	109.96	+0.76	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	142.60	151.80†	+0.40	2.76
Smaller Cos Acc	325.30	348.10	+3.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	189.30	202.50	+1.90	1.07
High Inc	78.27	83.74	-0.19	6.26
Income	141.10	150.90	-0.30	3.64
Mngd P folio Inc	99.89	106.40†	+0.30	1.87
-do- Acc	190.10	202.40	-0.20	...
North American	107.10	114.10	-0.60	0.19
Orient	138.80	149.60	+2.70	...
Recovery	44.87	48.23	+0.41	2.32
German	45.07	48.32	-0.10	0.08
Intl Growth	36.21	38.56	-0.09	0.20
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	145.30	154.60	+1.20	1.54
UK Growth	158.20	168.40†	+1.60	1.95
UK Income	134.50	143.10	+0.40	3.91
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	91.21	97.55	-3.15	1.17
Growth	47.29	50.59†	-0.16	2.75
Income	57.99	62.36†	-0.33	3.96
Far East	52.19	55.82	+0.10	...
North American	92.31	99.26	-1.04	...
Global	92.15	98.56	-0.45	0.62
European	78.29	83.71	-0.53	0.62
Japan	122.70	131.20	+1.60	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.41	65.07	+0.69	5.85
UK Cap Gwth	87.88	93.99	+0.36	1.79
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	136.60	145.40	+1.30	0.22
-do- Acc	145.20	154.50	+1.40	0.22
European	71.59	75.87†	+0.46	0.77
-do- Acc	75.12	79.62	+0.49	0.77
Far East Gen	71.28	75.84	+0.99	...
-do- Acc	71.28	75.84	+0.99	...
Smaller Cos	69.71	74.16†	...	2.56
-do- Acc	78.74	83.77	...	2.56
Growth	407.40	435.80†	-4.50	2.13
-do- Acc	706.50	755.70	+7.90	2.13
Income Growth	405.60	431.50†	+1.70	3.98
-do- Acc	551.00	586.20	+2.30	3.58
Master Portfolio	10149.0	10531.0†	+43.00	2.01
-do- Acc	11823.0	12267.0	+49.00	2.01
Special Sits	93.44	99.41†	+0.72	2.10
-do- Acc	110.46	117.52	+0.87	2.10
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1315.0	1356.0	+4.00	4.03
-do- Acc	1552.0	1600.0	+5.00	4.03
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	196.40	209.20	+1.10	1.58
Capital	578.80	617.70	+1.30	2.20
Eurotrack 100	142.60	151.90	+1.90	1.36
Euro Gth	91.43	97.51	+1.37	0.86
Far East Growth	100.40	107.10	+0.70	...
Global Bond	24.10	25.40†	+0.18	5.88
Hong Kong	86.70	92.53	-1.09	0.65
Income	552.80	590.00	-1.40	3.71
Intl Growth	77.55	82.76	+0.51	0.17
Japan Growth	297.40	317.40	-5.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.78	40.32	+0.46	...
Japan Index	86.54	92.36	+1.26	0.23
Nth American	448.40	478.50	+4.50	0.45
S pore Mly Gth	61.92	66.08	+0.95	...
The Footsie Fd	115.30	121.80	+1.00	2.53
Tiger Index	153.70	164.00	-0.60	0.60
Triple Index	113.80	121.40†	+1.10	2.07
UK Index	133.00	141.90†	+1.20	2.82
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	88.24	94.22	+1.13	1.05
European P folio	81.78	87.18	+1.06	0.98
Japanese P folio	71.99	76.57	+0.69	...
Pacific P folio	112.35	120.81	+0.55	1.08
Cazenove P folio	77.49	82.88	+0.86	2.63
UK Income Gth	70.19	75.22	+1.14	4.58
Utility & Bond	55.26	56.05	+0.33	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	...	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	...	9.06
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.50	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.46	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	67.46	71.01	+0.70	2.13
Beckman Intl	88.13	93.06	+0.16	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	189.29	203.54	+0.22	5.73
Friars Hse Cap	264.89	284.83†	+2.82	2.56
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.04	93.04	+0.07	5.15
Deposit Fund Acc	93.04	93.04	+0.07	5.15
Quilter Fund	130.84	139.19†	+0.11	2.34
Quilter Fund Acc	146.79	156.16	+0.13	2.34
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.87	69.02	-0.31	1.81
-do- Acc	73.14	77.81	+0.36	1.81
Income Fund 5	230.40	245.20	+2.00	3.82
-do- Acc	536.20	570.50	+4.60	3.82
Inv Portfolio	71.86	74.47†	+0.26	2.03
-do- Acc	81.68	84.86	+0.29	2.03
Smaller Cos	136.40	145.20	-0.10	1.18
-do- Acc	165.10	175.70	-0.10	1.18
High Inc P folio	65.61	67.99	+0.63	4.18
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	89.52	95.23	-0.08	0.83
Japanese Acc	67.96	72.30	+0.68	...
UK Balncd Inc	136.20	144.90†	+0.10	2.38
-do- Acc	160.60	170.90†	+0.10	2.38
UK Growth Acc	220.60	234.70	+0.50	1.91
UK High Inc	145.40	154.70	+0.40	5.72
-do- Acc	176.10	187.30	+0.50	5.72
N America Acc	115.40	122.80†	-0.60	0.22
European Acc	171.30	182.20	...	0.38
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.31	66.07†	+0.11	6.67
-do- Acc	102.60	108.80†	+0.20	6.67
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.96	54.21	-0.17	0.21
Environmntl Opp	76.42	81.30	+0.44	1.51
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	114.80	122.00	+0.70	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	222.20	236.10	+2.10	1.06
Eurofund	40.86	43.25	+0.37	0.92
Mngd Exempt	176.90	184.40	+1.20	2.85
Growth Inc	228.90	243.20†	-0.40	3.08
High Dist	156.00	165.80	-0.20	4.52
International	344.60	366.10†	+1.80	0.89
Intl Income	86.54	92.38	+0.84	2.81
Pacific	62.43	66.33	-0.28	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	79.33	84.29	+1.44	...
Tokyo	222.70	236.60	+2.70	...
Japan Exempt	125.40	128.80	-6.60	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	627.80	643.00	-9.90	0.08
Equity Income	131.70	139.90	+0.30	3.57
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	152.40	161.20	+1.10	0.47
Financial	46.30	49.19	+0.13	2.43
Global Opps Inc	93.80	99.66	-0.11	1.00
-do- Acc	97.23	103.30	-0.40	1.00
Gold Gen Inc	51.59	54.81	+0.02	0.55
-do- Acc	99.03	105.20	...	0.55
Japan General	172.50	183.30	+1.40	...
Preference	23.96	25.46	+0.20	7.14
Worldwide Cap	211.10	224.30†	+1.00	1.78
World Income	90.52	96.18†	+1.21	3.10
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	188.80	200.90	+0.60	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	114.29	120.31	+0.93	3.09
High Income	132.90	139.89	+1.22	4.42
Tst of Inv Tsts	167.72	176.55†	+2.53	2.06
Special Sits	90.84	95.62	+1.12	2.05
North American	108.53	114.24	+1.31	0.99
Far East	267.47	281.55	+4.75	1.58
Intl Growth	103.87	109.34	+0.48	1.18
European	70.24	73.94	+0.84	1.85
Smaller Cos	72.55	76.37	+1.56	1.83
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.30	...	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	140.40	149.30	-0.90	...
High Income	27.73	29.18†	-0.15	5.70
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	101.50	107.20†	+0.90	0.58
Far Eastern	148.00	158.70	+1.00	...
High Income	24.09	25.67†	+0.07	10.00
Ocean Income	92.96	99.38	-1.29	3.03
UK Growth	103.30	110.50†	+1.10	0.85
UK Income	110.10	117.80	+0.40	2.80
US Smaller Cos	275.30	294.70	+5.90	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.98	54.13	+0.16	...
-do- Acc	50.98	54.13	+0.16	...
Am Smllr Co	452.80	484.20	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	462.50	494.50	-0.90	...
Capital	306.80	326.30	+4.40	1.51
-do- Acc	427.20	454.40	+6.10	1.51
Contl Smllr Cos	50.33	54.00	+0.42	0.93
-do- Acc	52.61	56.45	+0.44	0.93
Convertible	122.50	130.30	+1.90	5.82
-do- Acc	232.60	247.40	+3.50	5.82
Emg Mark	59.94	64.03	+1.05	...
-do- Acc	59.94	64.03	+1.05	...
European	103.70	110.30	+0.80	0.70
-do- Acc	108.10	115.40	+0.80	0.70
Extra Income	317.80	338.00	+2.20	3.63
-do- Acc	455.00	483.90	+3.30	3.63
Financial	117.80	126.10	+1.20	0.15
-do- Acc	123.30	132.00	+1.30	0.15
Health Fund Inc	119.20	127.30	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	119.20	127.30	-0.90	...
Income Tst	196.10	208.50	-1.20	3.21
-do- Acc	278.00	295.70	+2.00	3.21
Intl Growth	338.50	361.90	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	375.90	401.80	+0.50	...
Japan Gen	195.70	209.20	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	197.70	211.30	+2.80	...
Mngd P folio Inc	98.14	103.50	+0.90	0.80
-do- Acc	103.20	108.60	+0.90	0.80
Monthly Income	164.80	175.30	+1.20	3.56
Qrtly Inc	53.68	57.10	+0.57	5.36
-do- Acc	54.45	57.91	+0.57	5.38
Recovery	313.80	335.50	+2.90	0.36
-do- Acc	368.70	394.20	+3.40	0.36
UK Growth	50.45	53.94	+0.39	2.24
-do- Acc	50.45	53.94	+0.39	2.24
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Admin: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	374.48	398.38	+3.33	2.55
-do- Acc	764.67	813.48	+6.79	2.55
Euro Gth Dist	116.47	123.90†	-0.45	0.64
-do- Acc	121.03	128.76†	+0.07	0.64
Fixed Int Dist	140.37	148.48	+0.35	5.90
-do- Acc	237.37	251.08	+0.58	5.90
Ind Gth Dist	83.11	88.41	+0.65	0.59
-do- Acc	86.27	91.78	+0.67	0.59
Nth Amer Dist	176.67	187.15†	+1.64	0.83
-do- Acc	192.55	203.97†	+1.79	0.83
Pac Basin Dist	266.89	283.93†	+1.48	0.01
-do- Acc	271.98	289.34†	+1.51	0.01
Stewardship Dist	321.94	342.49	+4.23	1.80
-do- Acc	383.88	408.38	+5.04	1.80
Stwd Inc Dist	68.37	72.73†	+1.09	3.03
-do- Acc	85.24	90.68†	+1.28	3.03
N Am Stwd Dist	101.35	107.82†	-0.58	...
-do- Acc	107.22	114.06†	-0.61	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	143.40	153.40	-0.10	...
European	456.30	485.20	-4.30	0.87
Far East General	248.10	265.40	+3.40	0.27
Germany	110.20	116.70	-0.80	0.39
Global Assets In	74.67	79.61	+0.64	2.03
Global Assets Ac	78.95	84.18	+0.68	1.98
Income Inc	138.20	147.90	+0.70	5.96
International	312.20	333.30	+3.70	0.84
Intl Income	82.27	87.40	+0.58	4.56
Japan General	405.30	431.30	+7.20	...
Smllr Cos Div	50.18	53.67	+0.58	5.54
UK Capital Inc	178.30	190.70†	+3.40	3.75
-do- Acc	307.70	329.10	+5.80	3.41
Uk Spec Sits	83.97	89.81	+0.72	1.41
US General	127.20	135.60	+1.30	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	139.30	148.60†	+3.00	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.52	50.82†	+0.21	1.28
Cash Trust*	130.03	130.03†	+0.10	4.91
Pract Inv Inc	112.97	121.18	+0.80	3.79
-do- Acc	242.52	260.15	+1.71	3.79
UK Smaller Cos	112.80	120.96	+1.22	0.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.50	29.41	-0.22	7.92
High Inc	34.37	36.76†	+0.20	4.46
UK Equity Inc	138.25	147.86†	+1.15	3.67
Global Bond	30.54	31.65	-0.22	5.66
International Funds				
Gold Intl	90.39	96.93	-2.79	0.43
Frontier Markets	46.34	49.69	+0.06	0.12
Global Inc Gth	125.91	134.22	-0.58	1.79
UK Intl	125.67	134.41	-0.63	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	133.53	142.70	+0.35	0.43
European	88.81	94.15	+0.08	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	107.66	114.46†	+0.03	0.64
American Emerg	89.59	96.07	+0.01	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 6526				
Intl Growth	136.20	145.67	+1.60	0.32
American Gth	136.42	145.90	+2.17	...
European Gth	72.72	77.77	+0.38	0.61
Japan Gth	86.63	92.65	+1.23	...
Greater China	148.24	158.55†	-1.47	2.85
Pacific Strategy	136.32	145.80	+2.02	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.76	86.04	+0.70	4.69
British Growth	51.64	54.53	+0.57	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.71	51.03	+1.03	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.20	132.20	...	4.67
Gilt Fixed	128.90	136.80†	-2.80	5.09
Growth Equity	317.60	339.30	+1.30	1.87
Guardhill	461.00	492.50†	+2.30	1.97
Income Trust	117.50	125.50	+0.30	3.27
International	169.80	181.40	+0.50	0.01
Japan Trust	135.40	144.60†	+1.60	...
Nth American	266.20	284.40	+2.60	0.36
Pacific	411.80	439.90	+1.20	...
European	385.80	412.10	+0.30	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	37.45	39.70†	+0.08	1.44
-do- Acc	39.47	41.84	+0.09	1.44
Inc Adv Inc	31.33	33.21	-0.03	3.68
-do- Acc	32.86	34.84	-0.03	3.68
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690590				
Canadian	81.89	87.72	+0.44	0.93
Equity Income	121.70	129.50†	+0.10	3.24
European	143.30	151.20	-1.00	0.89
Intl Situation	79.81	84.90	-0.13	...
Japanese	150.60	159.80	+1.50	...
North American	98.53	104.50	+0.10	0.08
Scandinavian	129.10	136.40†	-4.10	...
Smaller Cos	32.24	34.30	-0.42	1.87
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	94.09	100.58	-0.48	...
Asian Enterprise	141.92	151.76	+2.24	0.40
European	412.32	436.28	+3.27	0.69
European Inc	75.77	80.15†	+0.89	2.38
Euro Sml Co	128.63	136.96	+0.23	0.57
Extra Income	282.60	300.85	+0.67	4.43
Family of Funds	76.00	81.02†	+0.11	0.53
Global Bond	58.65	62.72	+0.38	6.61
High Inc	317.80	339.72†	+1.80	3.70
Income Gth	257.99	274.75	+0.88	3.17
-do- Acc	667.33	710.70	+2.27	3.17
International	245.70	262.28	+2.84	0.49
Japan Spc Sit	261.29	278.19	-4.74	...
Japan	227.20	241.95†	+4.65	...
N Amer	224.46	238.93†	+0.47	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	212.67	226.24	+3.04	0.25
Pref Gilt	48.90	52.59†	+0.36	7.72
Smaller Cos Div	183.64	196.67†	+1.71	3.74
Special Sits	278.15	297.62†	-0.92	1.58
-do- Acc	430.83	460.98	+0.97	1.58
Best of British	60.27	64.48	-0.30	2.26
Henderson TR				
American Gth	84.16	90.00	-0.16	...
Euro Spec Sits	50.86	54.13	-0.61	0.73
-do- Acc	53.85	57.31	-0.66	0.73
Far East Opps	35.77	38.00†	-0.43	0.57
-do- Acc	36.82	39.12	+0.43	0.57
General Growth	...	...	...	...
Global Tech	136.52	146.07	+0.23	...
Income Growth	109.88	117.51†	+0.17	3.51
Income Monthly	...	...	...	...
Japan Growth	89.13	95.09	+1.83	...
Overseas Gth	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	78.67	84.17	+1.70	1.55
Special Opps	115.81	124.32†	+2.97	1.24
Wld Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	93.50	99.99	+1.13	2.08
Capital	164.20	175.60†	+1.70	1.78
Dollar	324.20	346.70	+3.60	0.01
European	214.70	229.60	+3.80	0.55
Far East	257.50	275.40	-1.50	0.23
Financial	783.40	837.80	+4.60	1.79
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.56	28.63	+0.13	7.23
High Yield	111.20	118.90	+0.40	4.12
Income	145.60	155.70	+0.30	3.06
Intl	227.60	243.40†	+1.00	0.17
Japan Tech	76.78	82.11	+0.02	...
Nat Resources	63.17	67.56	-0.84	0.42
Security	321.20	343.30	+5.30	1.78
Smaller Cos	120.10	128.40	+2.00	1.11
Special Sits	146.00	156.10	-1.40	1.51
US Smaller Cos	72.69	77.74	-0.20	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.42	29.31†	+0.65	1.20
Special Features	30.16	32.04	+0.13	1.83
-do- Acc	35.61	37.83	+0.16	1.83
General Funds				
UK Growth	57.45	61.39	+0.38	1.98
Assets Earnings	75.71	80.44†	+0.39	2.18
do Acc	90.35	95.95†	+0.70	2.18
Managed Invest	94.65	101.00	+0.80	1.09
Rupert Children	80.52	85.87	+0.19	2.03
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.12	50.12†	+0.03	4.37
Extra Inc	86.55	92.47†	+0.21	4.55
Gilt	29.31	30.84	+0.24	6.29
Income Gth	41.88	44.66	...	3.39
MIMstar	80.40	82.16	+0.13	7.66
Preference	18.67	19.83†	+0.11	6.38
UK Income	334.30	357.20	+1.40	2.88
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	63.95	67.94	+0.25	1.18
Property Shares	71.49	77.03	+0.69	1.49
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	156.50	163.90	-0.10	3.94
European Acc	125.30	132.70	+0.90	1.47
European Dist	119.30	126.30	+0.90	1.47
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.07	53.24	+0.19	0.95
European Perf	127.80	135.60†	+0.70	0.66
-do- Acc	131.80	139.90†	+0.70	0.66
Euro Small Cos	23.49	24.96	+0.05	0.62
French Growth	72.66	77.36	+1.23	0.47
-do- Acc	77.63	82.64	+1.31	0.47
Hong K/China	73.77	78.37	-0.39	1.58
Intl Growth	55.61	59.08	-0.38	0.67
-do- Acc	55.61	59.08	-0.38	0.67
Japan Perf	36.95	39.26	+0.63	...
Accum Units	36.95	39.26	+0.63	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.40	44.04	+1.21	...
Singapore Asean	93.20	99.02†	+2.82	0.31
-do- Acc	93.86	99.72†	+2.83	0.31
South East Asia	254.20	270.00	+1.30	0.63
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.11	70.46†	+0.05	4.78
Extra Income	56.44	60.04	+0.40	6.43
Gilt Yield	125.30	132.30	+1.70	6.84
Global Income	210.80	224.30†	+2.00	3.90
High Yield	144.20	153.40†	-0.90	5.44
Smllr Cos Div	53.69	57.12†	+0.59	3.44
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.44	99.40	-0.70	...
North American	78.20	83.19	+0.24	0.41
European	140.70	149.70	+0.60	1.49
Euro Special	83.44	88.77†	+1.32	1.41
General	280.50	298.40	+2.30	2.99
Japan	459.30	488.60	+8.40	...
Japanese Special	257.50	273.90	+6.90	...
Master Acc	232.80	247.70	-1.80	1.25
Pacific	291.90	310.50	+1.50	0.52
Smaller Cos	108.80	115.70	+5.00	1.46
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 11 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 6EB 031 550 5151				
European	79.76	84.85	-0.43	0.91
Extra Income	25.77	27.41	-0.05	3.30
Far East	29.79	31.69	+0.49	0.76
Income Gwth	77.12	82.04†	+0.77	2.57
Intl Growth	55.01	58.52	+0.07	0.62
Japan	70.07	74.54†	+0.44	...
Maximum Dist*	100.10	102.10†	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.42	41.94	+0.06	0.28
UK Equity	93.25	99.20	+0.70	2.79
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	55.22	58.75†	+0.04	4.26
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690355				
Equity Dist	459.30	488.80	+2.20	2.53
Equity Acc	872.00	927.70	+4.10	2.53
Equity Income	99.55	105.90†	+0.20	4.39
European	103.20	109.80†	+1.50	1.18
Far Eastern	203.40	216.40	+3.50	...
Fixed Interest	56.12	59.70	+0.19	3.85
Gilt	96.76	102.60	+0.70	5.99
Global Growth	72.99	77.65	+0.86	0.41
Intl Bond	57.43	61.10†	+0.89	4.65
Japanese	78.35	83.35	+1.54	...
Overseas Equity	104.40	111.10	+0.80	0.05
Pacific Gth	94.75	100.80	+0.10	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	336.30	357.80	+0.90	2.57
-do- Acc	738.70	785.90	+2.00	2.57
Cont Euro Gth	55.26	58.17	-0.01	1.06
-do- Acc	58.44	61.52	...	1.06
Extra Inc	255.90	272.30	+0.90	3.70
-do- Acc	632.70	673.10	+2.10	3.70
German Gth	115.50	117.40	-0.80	0.10
-do- Acc	116.90	123.10	-0.70	0.10
Growth Port	519.10	552.30	+2.60	0.36
-do- Acc	519.10	552.30	+2.60	0.36
Income	487.20	518.30	+8.30	3.28
-do- Acc	1250.0	1330.0	+20.00	3.28
Income Port	515.30	548.20	+1.20	4.05
-do- Acc	523.00	556.40	+1.30	4.05
Japan Growth	108.00	114.90	+2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	108.30	115.30	+2.00	0.01
Master Trust	55.12	58.64	+0.21	1.17
-do- Acc	60.68	64.56	+0.23	1.17
N American Gen	190.10	202.30	+10.70	0.01
-do- Acc	219.50	233.60	+12.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.50	150.60	-4.40	0.01
-do- Acc	144.40	153.70	-4.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	221.90	236.10	+5.40	0.61
-do- Acc	234.50	249.40	+5.60	0.61
Small Cos Rec	326.00	343.20	-6.90	2.41
-do- Acc	434.50	446.90	-6.00	2.41
UK Growth	83.33	88.65	+0.25	2.15
-do- Acc	98.13	104.40	+0.30	2.15
Worldwide Gth	296.80	315.80	+2.80	0.16
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	83.28	89.36	+0.69	2.60
Income	66.93	71.81	+0.34	4.80
International	60.73	65.16	+0.50	0.70
American	61.09	65.55	+0.48	0.30
Japan	59.20	63.52†	+0.67	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.97	68.64	+0.51	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	393.00	415.60†	+0.10	0.87
-do- Acc	485.60	513.50	+0.10	0.87
American Rec	430.80	455.60	+3.30	0.20
-do- Acc	493.70	522.00	+3.70	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	126.00	133.30	+0.70	...
Australia Acc	174.80	184.90	-2.80	0.91
Capital	725.30	767.00†	+14.70	2.15
-do- Acc	810.10	856.70	+16.50	2.15
Commodity Acc	462.70	489.30	+4.50	0.80
Compnd Gth	898.40	950.10	+10.10	2.40
Dividend	39.10	41.30	+0.10	3.82
-do- Acc	154.70	163.60	+0.30	3.82
Equity Inc	325.60	344.30†	+0.30	4.29
European Div	63.70	67.40†	-0.30	3.72
-do- Acc	73.70	78.00	+0.40	3.72
European Gen	425.30	449.80	+8.50	0.85
-do- Acc	534.30	565.00	+10.60	0.85
Extra Yield	414.00	438.80	+0.60	3.99
-do- Acc	1213.2	1283.1	+1.80	3.99
Far Eastern	325.00	343.70†	+3.70	0.53
-do- Acc	428.70	453.40	+4.90	0.53
Fund of Inv	569.20	601.90	+4.10	1.87
-do- Acc	1038.2	1097.9	+7.50	1.87
General	58.60	62.00	-0.50	3.29
-do- Acc	156.60	165.80	-1.20	3.29
Gilt Fxd Int	65.71	65.79†	+0.10	7.11
do Acc	167.51	167.73	+0.37	7.11
Gold	58.10	61.40†	-0.40	0.73
-do- Acc	68.30	72.20	-0.40	0.73
High Inc	27.70	29.30	+0.10	4.01
-do- Acc	104.80	110.90	+0.30	4.01
Intl Growth	72.70	76.90†	+0.20	0.66
-do- Acc	125.90	133.20	+0.30	0.66
Intl Inc	98.90	104.60	+0.20	4.36
Japan Gen Acc	55.40	58.60	+0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	162.70	172.10	+3.30	...
Midland	60.70	64.20	+0.10	2.80
-do- Acc	194.30	205.70	+0.50	2.80
Recovery	39.80	42.10	+0.10	2.34
-do- Acc	63.30	66.90	+0.10	2.34
Second Gen	67.80	71.70	-0.40	3.14
-do- Acc	167.00	177.80	-0.90	3.14
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	145.90	156.00†	+0.80	1.88
-do- Acc	165.30	174.90†	+1.00	1.88
UK Income	122.60	131.20	+0.70	2.40
-do- Acc	138.60	148.20	+0.70	2.40
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	90.46	96.75	+1.82	0.41
Far East	144.00	152.90	+0.20	0.16
Income Growth	76.22	80.91†	-0.81	3.20
European	74.70	79.30	-0.67	1.09
Nth American	58.49	62.09	+0.40	0.42
UK Growth	82.92	88.03	+0.45	1.95
Intl Growth	101.90	108.20	+0.60	0.33
Charities	116.10	123.30†	+0.70	3.86
Intl Income	72.14	76.58	+0.05	4.89
Japan	58.22	61.80	+0.53	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	195.60	207.70	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	209.00	222.00	+2.70	...
Cash	100.50	100.50	...	5.48
-do- Acc	130.60	130.60	+0.10	5.48
Emg Mkts Acc	97.19	104.50	+1.10	...
European Gth	209.40	222.00†	+0.30	0.71
-do- Acc	225.10	238.70†	-0.40	0.71
General	497.20	530.30	-4.50	2.30
-do- Acc	945.50	1008	-8.00	2.30
Global Dist	134.70	141.60	+1.30	5.13
-do- Acc	150.70	158.40	+1.40	5.13
Income	149.10	158.90†	+0.60	4.30
-do- Acc	221.40	236.10†	+0.60	4.30
International	415.00	442.10	+2.30	0.63
-do- Acc	551.90	588.10	+3.20	0.63
Japan Acc	205.70	218.40	+3.20	...
New Europe	152.50	162.70	+0.70	1.59
-do- Acc	155.00	165.30	+0.60	1.59
Recovery	312.80	333.70	+2.10	2.70
-do- Acc	395.30	421.70	+2.70	2.70
European Inc	76.94	81.61	+0.89	2.96
-do- Acc	99.67	105.70	+1.20	2.96
Brit Blue Chip	77.14	82.08	-0.65	3.07
-do- Acc	90.98	96.82	-0.78	3.07
Portfolio	78.80	83.79	+0.61	2.71
-do- Acc	89.60	95.27	+0.69	2.71
Gold General	139.70	150.20	-5.30	0.60
-do- Acc	142.80	153.60	-5.50	0.60
Pacific	99.38	106.00	-0.10	0.78
-do- Acc	105.70	112.70	+0.10	0.78
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 122 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	60.01	64.18	+0.32	2.54
-do- Acc	60.93	65.17	+0.32	2.54
British Dist	81.26	86.91	+0.17	1.99
-do- Acc	91.99	98.38	+0.19	1.99
European Gth	186.90	199.90	+2.00	0.02
-do- Acc	234.60	250.80	+2.50	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.99	79.13	+0.47	5.59
-do- Acc	132.30	141.50	+0.80	5.39
FT-SE 100 Index	51.37	54.94	+0.34	2.53
-do- Acc	52.14	55.76	+0.34	2.53
Gilt Fixed Int	58.88	61.29	+0.39	6.46
-do- Acc	157.20	163.60	+1.00	6.46
High Yield	235.70	252.10	+1.20	4.37
-do- Acc	553.40	591.90	+2.80	4.37
Income	296.30	316.90†	+1.50	3.06
-do- Acc	626.50	670.00	+3.20	3.06
Japan Gth	375.60	401.70	+6.70	...
-do- Acc	396.50	424.10	+7.20	...
Mandarin Acc	106.70	114.10	-0.80	0.78
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gth	278.80	296.60†	+7.70	...
Deposit Inc	100.07	100.07†	+0.07	5.01
Deposit Acc	123.55	123.55†	+0.09	5.01
Euro Gth Acc	314.00	335.20	-3.00	...
Europe	136.70	146.40†	+0.60	...
Intl Gth	179.80	192.10	-0.50	...
Japan Tracker	83.75	88.73	+0.92	...
UK Equity Inc	164.10	176.50	+1.20	3.75
-do- Acc	201.20	216.40	+1.40	3.75
UK Ind Tracker	152.30	163.00†	+1.20	2.96
US Eq Ind Trkr	195.30	207.10	+1.60	1.42
-do- Acc	206.60	219.10	+1.70	1.42
Asian Trader	172.80	186.90	+0.60	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	171.30	175.30†	+1.50	1.79
European	65.94	67.31	-0.74	1.48
Olympiad	60.10	61.72†	+0.47	0.24
Global Bond	48.77	49.30†	+0.31	6.10
Smaller Cos	71.41	74.60	+0.87	1.21
Equity Income	98.61	101.30	+0.70	4.88
UK Growth	88.20	91.00	+0.29	1.67
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Billon Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387780				
American Acc	48.21	51.42	+0.24	1.12
Australian Acc	326.20	340.90	+0.20	...
Conscience	66.34	70.79	+0.08	1.26
-do- Acc	71.60	76.41	+0.09	1.26
European	180.90	192.40	+1.90	1.08
-do- Acc	194.60	207	+2.20	1.08
Extra Income	76.63	81.78	+0.17	5.43
-do- Acc	117.60	125.50	+0.30	5.43
Far East Gth	176.40	188.50	-0.30	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.47	63.82†	+0.51	6.20
Gold	51.52	55.39	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	55.48	59.65	-1.40	...
Income	55.73	59.44	-0.08	4.75
-do- Acc	170.60	181.90	-0.20	4.75
International	31.28	33.56	+0.14	0.66
-do- Acc	44.94	48.21	+0.20	0.66
Jap Sm Cos Acc	372.30	397.10	+5.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	217.80	233.50	+5.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.52	28.51	+0.22	0.79
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.84	75.37†	+0.27	2.59
N&P Glt Fxd Int	78.13	82.66†	+0.13	5.69
N&P Higher Inc	215.80	229.60	+2.40	4.23
N&P UK Income	108.80	115.80	+0.30	3.54
N&P Intl	93.34	99.30	+1.40	1.63
N&P Smaller Cos	78.18	83.18	+1.04	1.62
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	175.94	187.18†	+1.18	2.02
Global	314.26	334.32	-2.51	3.06
Growth	115.77	123.16	-0.85	1.93
Income	217.01	230.87†	+1.89	3.70
Intl Bond	135.62	144.00	-0.81	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	146.90	154.60	+1.40	2.42
-do- Acc	260.30	274.00	+2.60	2.42
Income	236.30	251.40	+1.47	3.27
Intl Equity	237.70	252.90	+2.00	0.77
-do- Acc	260.20	276.80	+2.20	0.77
Equity	231.00	246.70	+1.90	2.32
-do- Acc	473.60	503.70	+3.80	2.32
UK Intl 25 Acc	74.45	79.20	+0.44	1.85
UK Income	64.67	68.80†	+0.39	2.88
UK Smllr Co Acc	82.10	87.33	+1.44	1.36
New Europe Acc	65.80	70.00	+0.42	1.01
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	100.37	107.35	-0.80	0.01
PEP Growth	109.01	116.59	+1.52	1.14
Intl Gth	529.49	566.30	+7.73	0.28
Income	335.73	359.08	+1.31	2.98
W wide Recov	338.14	361.65	+6.80	0.18
American Gth	219.04	234.27	+6.01	0.07
Intl Emerg Cos	202.94	217.05	+4.84	0.01
Far East Gth	241.70	258.51	+3.06	0.00
European Gth	126.30	135.09	+0.70	0.92
UK Growth	84.44	90.32	+0.34	2.52
High Income	91.18	97.52†	+0.57	4.12
Japanese Gth	233.97	248.90	+5.09	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	187.00	198.90	+1.30	0.65
High Income	118.70	126.30	...	5.38
Conv Gilt	116.70	124.10†	+0.70	5.53
Far East	336.80	358.30	-1.70	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.64	35.78	-0.06	4.77
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
American	51.89	55.16†	+0.26	0.20
Emerging Mkts	71.14	75.68†	-0.47	0.50
General	50.62	53.85	-0.63	2.98
International	91.20	97.02	+2.46	1.24
Gilt Units	26.57	27.39†	-0.70	7.03
Global PEP	37.58	39.98	-0.24	1.92
Income Gth	70.14	74.62†	+0.03	4.39
European	47.17	50.18	+0.31	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.28	29.02	+0.03	5.39
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4304 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.31	35.62	+0.22	1.59
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.99	101.49†	+0.07	4.64
-do- Acc	106.17	106.69†	+0.08	4.64
Pru Equity	707.12	756.27	+10.77	2.38
Pru Equity Inc	85.78	91.74†	+0.23	4.27
Pru European	189.45	202.62	+2.62	0.94
Pru Global Gth	84.03	89.87†	+0.98	1.21
Pru High Inc	92.01	98.40†	+0.77	4.38
Pru Intl	170.71	182.57†	+0.38	1.01
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.61	78.72	+0.69	0.59
Pru Japanese	217.06	232.14	+4.60	...
Pru Nth Amer	148.99	159.34	-0.67	0.77
Pru Pacific Mkt	82.67	88.41†	-1.31	1.10
Pru Premr Inc	32.01	34.15†	-0.14	5.00
Pru Smllr Cos	86.78	92.81	+1.66	2.16
Pru Spec Sits	104.26	111.50†	-0.99	2.25
Pru UK Grwth	115.76	123.80†	+0.70	2.33
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	166.47	177.72	-0.20	3.39
FA Japan	295.74	314.66	+3.22	...
FA Maj UK Cos	97.87	104.43	+0.45	2.40
FA America Inc	513.83	547.34†	+1.47	0.87
-do- Acc	598.77	637.82	+1.71	0.87
FA Smlr UK Cos	284.95	308.22	+3.19	1.50
FA European	271.97	288.13	+0.12	1.21
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.05	78.78	+0.24	3.58
Capital Units	153.20	163.00	+0.80	1.06
Commodity	112.20	119.40†	-0.50	1.03
European Gth	170.90	181.80	-0.30	1.08
Financial Sec	186.80	198.70	+1.10	1.28
High Return	226.10	240.50†	+1.80	3.49
High Yield	220.70	234.80	+1.70	3.80
Income Units	117.70	125.20†	+2.00	4.40
Investment	195.70	208.20	+0.80	1.10
Japan Gth	167.30	178.00	+2.00	...
Japan Smaller	199.20	207.70	+3.80	...
Masterfund	49.94	53.13	-0.04	0.85
Scotbits	271.90	289.30†	+1.90	1.42
Scotshares	268.00	285.10	+1.60	2.29
Scotyields	235.30	250.30†	+1.30	3.77
Select Intl	137.00	145.70	+0.90	0.39
Smaller Cos	243.10	258.60	+2.00	3.51
Special Situation	115.50	122.90	+2.20	0.64
UK Equity	235.60	250.60†	+1.20	2.76
US Growth	141.90	151.00	-0.60	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	242.92	258.29	+5.01	0.63
-do- Acc	263.19	279.85	+5.43	0.63
Australian	137.13	146.27†	-2.06	0.73
-do- Acc	162.19	172.99	-2.44	0.73
UK Enterprise	233.40	248.95†	+2.85	2.17
-do- Acc	272.74	290.92	+3.33	2.17
European Gth	66.52	70.73	+0.51	1.28
-do- Acc	69.09	73.46	+0.53	1.28
Euro Smllr Cos	60.64	64.99	+0.10	0.42
-do- Acc	61.05	65.04	+0.11	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	77.27	82.42†	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	78.52	83.75	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	57.13	60.21	+0.49	6.37
-do- Acc	69.38	73.12	+0.60	6.37
Gilt Income	110.72	116.70	+1.25	7.15
-do- Acc	154.64	162.98	+1.73	7.15
Income	341.32	364.07†	-4.58	3.73
-do- Acc	1025.7	1094.1	+6.73	3.73
Japan Enterprise	72.81	77.66	+1.32	...
-do- Acc	72.81	77.66	+1.32	...
Japan Smllr Cos	509.10	543.03†	+10.29	...
-do- Acc	510.11	544.11	+10.31	...
Pacific Gth	101.72	108.50†	-0.59	0.24
-do- Acc	104.74	111.72	-0.61	0.24
Smaller Cos	203.68	217.25	+3.13	0.82
-do- Acc	235.57	251.27	+3.63	0.82
Tokyo	117.95	125.81	+1.92	...
-do- Acc	119.14	127.08	+1.94	...
UK Equity	227.27	242.42	+2.71	2.53
-do- Acc	426.68	455.13	+5.09	2.53
US Smllr Cos	144.24	153.85	+4.42	...
-do- Acc	144.24	153.85	+4.42	...
World Fd	75.48	80.51†	-0.89	1.36
-do- Acc	80.41	85.59	-0.96	1.35
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.55	52.77	+0.19	3.72
Equity Strategy	67.41	71.79	+0.61	0.74
European Opps	78.01	83.08	+0.23	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.98	100.51	+0.08	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	57.92	61.68	+0.74	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	367.30	392.20	+2.60	2.60
American	255.60	271.40	+2.10	0.76
Pacific	361.50	386.60	+1.60	0.48
European	480.20	513.80	+2.30	1.07
Worldwide	86.37	92.37	+0.28	0.86
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	320.70	341.20	+0.90	2.67
UK Sm Cos Eqty	221.60	235.80	+3.50	1.53
European	355.60	378.30	+1.00	1.55
North American	265.60	280.90	+1.20	0.58
Income Plus Inc	72.68	77.29	-0.44	3.51
UK Spec Sits	73.23	77.91	+1.77	2.44
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.52	29.45	+0.26	2.63
Intl Growth Acc	31.38	33.59	+0.19	0.89
Market Ldrs Acc	27.60	29.54	+0.07	2.71
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6626				
European	‡108.80	...	+1.50	...
Global Bond	‡105.30	...	-0.10	7.13
Japan Samurai	‡103.00	...	+2.20	...
UK Growth	‡103.80	...	+0.60	3.82
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.29	50.25	+0.12	1.39
Equity Gth Acc	65.11	69.18	-0.14	1.03
UK Eq General	44.72	47.52	+0.16	1.98
-do- Acc	59.06	62.76	+0.22	1.98
European Acc	44.71	47.51	-0.16	0.89
Far East Acc	60.40	64.18	+0.05	0.19
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.01	34.91	-0.06	5.86
N American Acc	44.00	46.75	+0.39	0.84
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	296.60	321.90	-0.40	1.35
UK Eq High Inc	38.71	41.13	-0.33	[illegible]
-do- Acc	45.97	48.85	-0.38	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Inc	310.30	336.70	+0.80	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Acc	404.00	438.40	+1.10	3.54
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.71	N263.94	-0.06	1.29
US Eq	$2.204	$2.341	+0.03	1.14
Far East Eq	Y244.8	Y260.1	-1.50	...
Japan Eq	Y248.7	Y264.1	-1.80	...
FT Europe	121.30	128.50	+0.70	2.03
FT North Am	$1.755	$1.865	+0.03	1.29
FT Japan	Y245.8	Y261.1	-4.20	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.015	$2.140	0.00	1.43
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	348.50	371.90	+1.20	0.32
British	1016.3	1075.2	+6.90	3.78
European	413.30	440.20	+0.60	1.32
Japan	158.00	168.20	+3.10	...
New Pacific	319.20	339.90	-1.60	0.96
Mngd Cash	95.93	95.93	+0.06	5.17
Majority Stg	100.12	101.12	+0.07	4.84
Inv Tst	208.70	221.20	+1.00	1.61
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399				
Equity Acc	786.10	840.80	+12.90	2.68
N America Acc	121.50	129.90	+1.80	0.13
Far East Acc	134.20	143.50	+0.20	0.39
W wide Bond	63.10	66.99	+0.62	5.29
European	90.44	96.73	+0.85	0.57
Equity Income	90.05	96.31	+0.22	3.62
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.52	36.92	+0.11	0.50
Managed Assets	126.15	134.93	+0.21	2.81
UK Income	39.55	42.30	-0.10	2.71
UK Growth	38.99	41.71	+0.08	1.99
Worldwide Gth	33.08	35.39†	+0.08	0.51
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	216.95	230.80†	+0.18	...
-do- Acc	238.95	254.20†	+0.20	...
British Gth	91.63	97.48	-0.96	1.80
-do- Acc	107.81	114.69	-0.66	1.80
European	105.71	112.46†	+1.77	0.56
-do- Acc	112.35	119.52†	+1.88	0.56
Extra Inc	199.53	212.27†	+0.22	3.83
-do- Acc	325.80	346.60†	+0.36	3.83
General Unit	281.50	299.47†	+2.38	2.30
-do- Acc	562.31	598.20†	+4.76	2.30
Income	346.84	368.98	+0.22	3.49
-do- Acc	720.76	766.77	+0.45	3.49
International	515.57	548.48	+4.78	0.24
-do- Acc	674.93	718.01	+6.25	0.24
Pacific	366.83	390.24	+4.72	...
-do- Acc	385.33	409.93	+4.96	...
Premier Income	54.20	56.46†	+0.19	6.61
-do- Acc	114.60	119.38†	+0.39	6.61
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smal Cos	75.56	80.39	-1.01	...
-do- Acc	77.93	83.12	-1.05	...
European Opps	65.64	69.62	+0.61	0.42
-do- Acc	66.32	70.35	+0.62	0.42
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	19.33	20.56	-0.61	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.32	36.51	-0.09	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.91	38.20	+0.70	...
Global Bond	$0.980	$1.030	+0.01	6.90
Penny Share	26.77	28.47	+0.73	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.23	53.24	+0.05	4.81
Gilt Growth	72.36	73.31	+0.38	...
Gilt Income	54.34	56.75	+0.23	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.00	112.50	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.720	$0.729	+0.00	...
Challenger	98.94	101.30	+0.60	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	73.37	78.05	+1.00	1.78

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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ASDA Gp	8,800	Cadbury	1,500	MB Caradn	953	Scot Power	2,700
Abbey Natl	1,700	Carlton Cms	462	Marks Spr	6,400	Sears	4,500
Alld-Lyons	1,700	Coats Viyella	954	NFC	1,100	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	352	Cm Union	1,400	NatWst Bk	1,900	Shell Trans	2,300
Argyll Gp	2,000	Courtaulds	1,200	Nat Power	3,000	Siebe	847
Arjo Wiggn	2,000	De La Rue	93	Nth Wst W	802	SmKl Bch	1,900
AB Foods	321	Enterpr Oil	3,200	Nthrn Fds	2,600	Smith Nph	1,200
BAA	875	Forte	1,300	P & O	1,100	Std Chartd	4,900
BAT Inds	2,200	GRE	3,300	Pearson	1,400	Sun Allnce	917
BOC	453	GUS A	105	PowerGen	1,500	TI Gp	1,900
BP	5,600	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	2,700	TSB	2,100
BT	7,000	Gen Elec	3,200	RMC	869	Tate & Lyle	344
BTR	3,700	Glaxo	4,800	RTZ	1,500	Tesco	5,200
Bk of Scot	1,100	Granada	1,000	Rank Org	1,100	Thames W	913
Barclays	3,800	Grand Met	3,600	Reckitt Col	492	Thrn EMI	712
Bass	4,200	Guinness	2,800	Redland	1,100	Tomkins	4,100
Blue Circle	2,700	HSBC	2,600	Reed Intl	702	Unilever	1,300
Boots	1,500	Hanson	4,900	Rentokil	1,600	Utd Bisc	1,000
Bowater	1,000	ICI	497	Reuters	863	Vodafone	2,900
Brit Aero	3,000	Inchcape	943	Rothmans	1,100	Warburg (SG)	605
Brit Airwys	3,000	Kingfisher	2,400	Ryl Ins	2,000	Wellcome	1,900
Brit Gas	2,800	Ladbroke	6,200	Ryl Bk Scot	4,000	Whitbd 'A'	1,500
Brit Steel	4,400	Land Secs	1,000	Sainsbury	1,600	Wllms Hld	1,300
Burmah Cast	442	Legal & Gn	1,800	Scot Hydro	355	Wolseley	663
Cable Wire	1,500	Lloyds Bk	1,600	Scot & New	2,100	Zeneca	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3632.25 (-15.93)
S&P Composite 459.91 (-1.13)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20791.68 (+199.92)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7422.98 (-26.10)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 128.1 (+0.6)

Sydney: AO 1948.6 (+7.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1904.60 (+3.45)

FT 30 share: 2413.0 (+19.4)

Brussels:
General 6753.58 (-66.22)

Paris: CAC 594.16 (+4.14)

Zurich: SKA Gen 574.40 (+0.40)

London:
FT A All-Share 1537.57 (+9.74)
FT 500 1660.61 (+11.00)
FT Gold Mines 188.3 (-5.2)
FT Fixed Interest 124.03 (+0.23)
FT Govt Secs 102.16 (+0.71)
Bargains 35580
SEAQ Volume 529.2m
USM (Datastrm) 143.93 (+0.57)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 23	September 10	November 25	December 6

Call options were taken out on 27/8/93: Aid Radio, Aminex, Aran Energy, Burton, Clyde Petroleum, Flextech, Medeva, Menvier Swain, Midland & Scottish, MAI, Pentos, Pentland, Ramco Oil.
Puts: Aminex, Eurocamp, Flextech, Ladbrokes, Medeva. Put & Call: Burton.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3103.0	3123.0	3103.0	3108.0	8540
Previous open interest: 56339	Dec 93	3131.0	3142.0	3130.5	3130.5	1114
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.13	94.16	94.12	94.15	3869
Previous open interest: 364114	Dec 93	94.53	94.61	94.48	94.60	24452
	Mar 94	94.62	94.71	94.59	94.71	5083
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.75	96.75	96.73	96.75	91
Previous open interest: 13843	Dec 93	96.47	96.47	96.46	96.46	7
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.47	93.48	93.44	93.46	23646
Previous open interest: 674548	Dec 93	94.07	94.08	94.00	94.07	34459
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-26	114-04	112-25	113-28	35371
Previous open interest: 98465	Dec 93	112-18	113-30	112-18	113-23	49397
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.59	111.60	111.58	111.53	73
	Dec 93	110.90	110.98	110.84	110.86	1241
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	97.52	97.84	97.40	97.73	84393
Previous open interest: 179047	Dec 93	97.65	97.98	97.57	97.88	15376
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.62	92.63	92.55	92.58	1429
Previous open interest: 33296	Dec 93	93.73	93.75	93.67	93.73	1113
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.53	100.66	100.48	100.63	3460
Previous open interest: 15965	Dec 93	100.62	100.77	100.62	100.76	780
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.31	95.31	95.25	95.26	5558
Previous open interest: 51633	Dec 93	95.70	95.71	95.63	95.65	4813
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	113.00	113.95	112.58	113.75	35149
Previous open interest: 62911	Dec 93	112.80	113.80	112.46	113.58	8214

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.8 (day's range 80.8-81.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8119-2.8305	2.8119-2.8154	n/a	n/a
Brussels	53.29-54.03	53.34-53.53	n/a	n/a
Copenhagen	10.2780-10.4120	10.2780-10.3160	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0710-1.0752	1.0717-1.0749	7-12ds	18-27
Frankfurt	2.4983-2.5202	2.4983-2.5015	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	255.20-258.97	255.20-256.20	96-174ds	298-400ds
Madrid	203.91-205.58	203.91-204.36	84-94ds	233-252ds
Milan	2395.50-2413.00	2395.50-2400.20	7-9ds	n/a
Montreal	1.9806-1.9895	1.9806-1.9835	0.25-0.16pr	0.48-0.32pr
New York	1.5005-1.5105	1.5005-1.5015	0.35-0.34pr	1.01-0.99pr
Oslo	10.8680-10.9750	10.8680-10.9060	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.7470-8.8310	8.7470-8.7690	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	12.0760-12.2730	12.0760-12.1150	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	156.20-157.35	156.20-156.46	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.58-17.75	17.58-17.62	n/a	n/a
Zurich	2.2057-2.2228	2.2057-2.2088	[illegible]pr	n/a

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5044-1.5070
Australia dollar	2.2563-2.2596
Bahrain dinar	0.5635-0.5755
Brazil cruzeiro *	136.78-138.09
Cyprus pound	0.758-0.768
Finland marka	8.7120-8.8245
Greece drachma	351.75-358.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6406-11.6499
India rupee	47.07-48.03
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4495-0.4595
Malaysia ringgit	3.8351-3.8394
Mexico peso	4.62-4.72
New Zealand dollar	2.7229-2.7298
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.602-5.728
Singapore dollar	2.4140-2.4172
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9956-7.1503
S Africa rand (com)	5.0400-4.0457
U A E dirham	5.4885-5.6095

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4992-1.5003
Austria	11.73-11.74
Belgium (Com)	35.46-35.56
Canada	1.3209-1.3219
Denmark	6.85-6.87
France	5.83-5.84
Germany	1.665-1.666
Hong Kong	7.7475-7.7485
Ireland	1.397-1.400
Italy	1596.5-1598.5
Japan	104.2-104.3
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5495
Netherlands	1.874-1.875
Norway	7.243-7.263
Portugal	170.1-170.6
Singapore	1.604-1.605
Spain	135.9-136.1
Sweden	8.048-8.068
Switzerland	1.4727-1.4737

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6[illegible] Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 6.					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.07	n/a	3.11	3.25	3.43
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £703m allotted: £200m; Bids: £98.73% received: 90%; Last week: £98.74% received: n/a%; Avge rate: £5.0940% last wk £5.0507%; Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	3[illegible]-3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	7-6[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7
Swiss Franc:	5-4[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	3-2[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $367.70-368.10 Close: $368.80-369.30 High: $369.60-370.10 Low: $367.00-367.50 Krugerrand: $367.50-370.50 (£245.00-247.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-87.00 (£56.00-58.00) New $84.00-87.00 (£56.00-58.00)
Platinum: $377.50 (£249.75) Silver: $4.69 (£3.13) Palladium: $120.00 (£79.40)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	600	48	59½	67½	7	19	20½
(*632½)	650	17½	31½	40½	28½	43	44
Argyll	330	22	30	37½	9	17	21
(*339)	360	8	16½	24	26½	35	37
ASDA	60	-	12½	14	-	4	5
(*61)	70	-	6½	8½	-	8	10½
Boots	460	40	48	57	6½	13½	18½
(*488½)	500	14½	24½	34½	23	32	37
Br Airways	345	24	34	-	12	21	-
(*355)	360	16	26	34½	19	28½	33
BP	300	27½	34	38	3½	8½	12
(*320)	330	9	17	22	16½	22	25
Br Steel	110	11	15½	19	6	9½	12
(*114)	120	5½	11	14½	12	15	17
C & W	800	58	74½	91	9½	22	27½
(*845)	850	27	45½	61½	30	44	50
CU	600	-	48	54	-	18½	30
(*612½)	650	-	22½	27½	-	46½	58½
ICI	681	37	56	-	16½	26	-
(*698)	750	8	23	31	60	66	79
Kingfishr	650	36½	56½	69½	16	25	29
(*677½)	700	11	30	42½	42½	51½	55
Land Sec	650	41	53	65	9	19	24½
(*677½)	700	13½	27½	39	33½	45	50
M & S	360	26	33	40	6½	11½	14½
(*377½)	390	8½	17	24	20	25½	29
Nat West	460	45	58	62	4½	11½	17
(*496½)	500	19	33	37½	18	26	35
Sainsbury	500	29	40	51½	13	22½	27½
(*511½)	550	7½	18	28	44	51	55½
Shell	650	33½	47½	57½	9	16½	25½
(*677)	700	8	22½	27½	37½	43	52
Smkl Bch	420	52	61½	70½	5	14	18
(*461)	460	25	38	48½	19	30	34½
Storehse	220	14	20½	24½	7½	13½	15½
(*224)	240	5	11	15	20½	25	27½
Trafalgar	110	8	13	16½	6	11	13
(*111)	120	5	8½	12	13	17	19
Unilever	1050	52	70	86½	17½	30½	44
(*1074½)	1100	25	45	-	43½	55½	68
Zeneca	700	33½	50½	57	24	33	40½
(*713½)	750	12½	29	33½	56½	63	75½
Series		**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	460	18	30	37	18	30½	34½
(*457½)	500	5	14	21	47	56½	59½
Ladbroke	200	10½	19	22	12½	18	24½
(*203½)	220	5	11½	13½	27	31	37
Utd Bisc	360	30½	41	44	9	17	26
(*379)	390	13½	25½	29	25½	32½	42

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	750	81½	84½	99	7	13	18
(*816½)	800	43½	52	66½	21½	30½	36
Thames W.	500	55	57	64½	4½	7½	10½
(*542)	550	19½	25	33½	23½	26	31
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	475	24½	36½	-	18	24½	-
(*476½)	500	13	25	28½	33	38	46½
BTR	390	17	27½	30	14	19	23½
(*396)	420	5½	13½	17	34½	37	41½
Br Aero	420	58	73½	82	22½	33½	43
(*450)	460	36½	54½	63½	42½	54½	64
Br Telcm	420	23	27	35	12	18½	21½
(*426½)	460	5	10	17½	38	44	45½
Cadbury	460	30	42	45½	12	18	26
(*480)	500	11½	22½	26	39½	40½	48
Guinness	500	34	48½	55½	17	34½	33½
(*515)	550	11	24	31½	46½	53	61
GEC	330	37½	42½	48½	3½	7	9
(*359)	360	17	24	30	13½	18½	21½
Hanson	240	25	28½	30	3½	7½	9½
(*261½)	260	10½	16½	18½	11	15½	18
LASMO	140	20	27½	31	6½	9½	12
(*153)	160	11	16	21	17	19½	22½
Lucas	140	23	26½	29	4½	7½	9½
(*159)	160	9	14	17	14	17	19½
Pilkingtn	140	22½	24½	27	3½	7	9
(*156)	160	9½	13	15½	11½	17	18½
Prudential	330	19	28	30½	10	16½	22
(*338½)	360	6½	14	16½	31½	34	39½
Redland	550	22½	34	43	36	41	57½
(*540½)	600	7½	17½	25½	72	75½	90½
Royal Ins	317	17½	29½	-	15½	19½	-
(*318½)	346	6½	14	-	35	37½	-
Tesco	220	21	30	33	6½	12½	15½
(*234½)	240	11½	18	22½	15½	22½	28
Vodafone	550	56	68½	78	14	23½	28
(*578½)	600	27½	41	51½	36½	47	52
Williams	330	28	36½	40½	9	14	21
(*350)	360	12½	21½	25½	25½	29½	36

FT-SE INDEX (*C3101½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Sep	172	128	82	44	20	8
Oct	184	141	101	69	43	25
Nov	202	164	127	94	71	47
Dec	221	182	146	116	88	66
Jan	-	256	-	194	-	147
Puts						
Sep	4	6	12	30	56	100
Oct	14	21	31	50	72	102
Nov	24	35	[illegible]	[illegible]	92	121
Dec	31	47	62	80	103	132
Jun	-	102	-	140	-	190

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	21	33	42	3	11	19
(*406½)	420	5	17	25	17	26½	34
Amstrad	30	5	7	8	1	2	3
(*33½)	35	2	4	5½	2½	4½	5½
Barclays	500	15½	35	46½	7	18	27½
(*508½)	550	2	13	22½	44	48½	55½
Blue Circ	260	13	22	29	5	16	21
(*267)	280	3½	12½	19½	16½	28	32
Br Gas	330	7	14½	22	5½	16	20½
(*330½)	360	1	6	10	30½	38	39½
Dixons	220	20½	30	36	2½	9½	15
(*236½)	240	7½	18	25	10½	19	24½
Forte	220	17	24	30	2½	9	14½
(*235)	240	5	13½	21	9½	19	25
Hillsdwn	160	11½	18	23	3	9½	13
(*167½)	180	2½	8½	12½	15	22	25
Lonrho	130	5½	13½	17½	5	11	14½
(*129)	140	2	9	13½	12	16½	20
Sears	110	5	9	12	2½	6	7
(*113)	120	1½	4½	7	8½	12½	13½
Thrn Emi	950	64	90½	104½	2	14½	25½
(*1005½)	1000	24½	59	73½	13	34½	46
Tomkins	240	8	18	24	6	13½	17
(*242½)	260	2	10½	15	21	25½	29
TSB	200	7	16	20½	4½	10½	15
(*203)	220	1½	8	12	19	23	27
Wellcome	750	16½	46	69½	26	55½	66½
(*742½)	800	4	26½	46½	65½	88½	98½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	46½	60½	77	5	27	41
(*589)	600	14½	36	52	25	53	66½
HSBC	700	39½	67½	86	9	29	47½
(*733½)	750	12	42½	62½	34½	54½	72½
Reuter	1500	74	129	63½	9½	45	67
(*1553½)	1550	37	98½	35½	27	65½	89½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	22½	25	28	½	5	7
(*160)	160	5½	11½	17	6	13	16
Series		**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	180	11	14½	20½	10	16½	20
(*179½)	200	4	7	13	25	30½	34
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	500	49	56½	62½	5½	12	15
(*536½)	550	17½	26½	34	25½	33½	36½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	12½	25½	31½	4	12½	17½
(*367)	390	1½	12	17½	24½	29	33½
Scot Pwr	350	16½	28	-	2	8	-
(*362½)	390	1	8½	13	28½	30½	34

August 27, 1993 Tot: 24826 Call: 13987 Put: 10839 FT-SE Call: 5875 Put: 3124
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Wheat and barley futures continued to drift lower with prices under pressure from reports of a high yield in this year's harvest. Coffee closed sharply higher with concern about the nearby supply tightness being a *dominant* factor *amid falling stocks in* Europe and with the uncovered position on near Sept remaining high.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	797-795	Dec	898-897
Dec	830-829	Mar	900-899
Mar	852-851	May	908 BID
May	863 SLR	Jul	915 BID
Jul	871-869		
Sep	880 BID		Volume: 6961

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1345-1340	May	1215 BID
Nov	1284-1282	Jul	1220-1210
Jan	1244-1242	Sep	1220-1210
Mar	1224-1223		Volume: 5366

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

Spot: unq		Dec	unq
		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	265.2-63.1
Spot: unq		Aug	271.2-68.5
Oct	267.0-65.5	Oct	262.5-59.0
Dec	260.2-57.5	Dec	264.9-59.3
Mar	262.0-60.5		Volume: 627

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	72.59	82.62	129.23
(+/-)	-1.24	-7.17	-1.69
Eng/Wales	72.59	82.61	128.97
(+/-)	-1.34	-7.19	-2.27
(%)	-49.0	-10.0	-41.6
Scotland	n/a	82.67	132.51
(+/-)	n/a	-7.06	+4.84
(%)	n/a	-27.7	-52.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	-	Mar	unq	-
Sep	unq	-		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Sep 102.65
Nov 103.75
Jan 105.80
Mar 107.65
May 110.10
Volume: 506

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 99.50
Nov 102.10
Jan 104.30
Mar 106.15
May 107.50
Volume: 40

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug unq
Oct -
Dec -
Feb -
Apr -
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Apr	79.0	77.9
May	unq	88.5
	Volume: 23	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 59.50-60.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): News that a Nigerian loading terminal had been closed by a strike gave the market a much needed boost.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.00	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.10	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.30	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.50	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.75	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (n/c)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	162 (+1)	163 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	164 (+2)	165 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	168 (+2)	169 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	61 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	160 (n/c)	161 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Sep	162.75-63.00	Dec	169.75-70.00
Oct	165.50-65.75	Jan	171.25-71.50
Nov	167.50-67.75	Feb	171.00-71.50
			Vol: 13092

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.29-17.30	Jan	17.69-17.73
Nov	17.45-17.46	Feb	17.70-17.83
Dec	17.58-17.60		Vol: 34907

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	185.00 BID	Dec	n/a
Oct	179.00 BID	Jan	n/a
Nov	n/a		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 93	1405	1405	1411
Oct 93	1440	1438	1440
Nov 93	1462	1450	1462
Jan 94	1465	1465	1473

Vol: 58 lots. Open Intrst: 3440 Index 1441 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1962.0-1963.0	1926.0-1927.0	1236175
Lead ($/tonne)	383.50-384.00	396.50-397.00	80525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	878.00-879.00	891.50-892.00	577875
Tin ($/tonne)	4670.0-4675.0	4715.0-4716.0	18645
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1146.0-1146.5	1166.5-1167.0	946750
Nickel ($/tonne)	4425.0-4426.0	4479.0-4480.0	80826

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Langer almost spoils celebrations

FROM JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN DÜSSELDORF

YESTERDAY was Bernhard Langer's 36th birthday and, soon after mid-afternoon here at the Hubbelrath golf club, they cut a gooey cake decorated with chocolate golf clubs and clapped when he ate a slice. Langer was still leading the German Open, but the birthday boy had stuttered as the second round came to its conclusion.

Langer began the day at seven under par. At one point, he was moving along as serenely as he always does in Germany, where he is nigh-on unbeatable, and, after five birdies and an eagle, he was 14 under par. It is not a difficult course — 78 of the 150-man field were under par in the first round and 66 yesterday — *but that was still* good scoring. At that moment, he was six strokes ahead of the field.

Langer is nothing if not meticulous, even by the standards of his meticulous countrymen. His short game rarely lets him down. This time, though, it did. He missed the green with a six-iron on the 14th hole, chipped poorly on the 15th and having failed to find the 18th green with a five-iron, he could get his chip no nearer than 12 feet and he two-putted.

"I was disappointed with the way I finished," he said solemnly. "My short game is normally very good."

In June, on the eve of the US Open, Langer hurt his neck. He missed the cut at Baltusrol, complained of having a stiff neck at the Open and, until yesterday, had gone for three weeks without having any treatment. From threatening to run away with the first prize in a tournament his brother Erwin is organising, Langer went round in 68 and leads by one stroke from Peter Baker, who had a 66.

There is much to be thankful for here because the performance of these two has clarified — slightly — the scramble for Ryder Cup places. There had been 13 players in with a chance of catching Baker, who was in ninth place in the Ryder Cup table at the start of the tournament, and, for some of them, the only chance was to win. Anders Forsbrand, Miguel-Angel Jiménez, Mark Roe and Steven Richardson failed to beat the cut. Gordon Brand Jr and David Gilford are ten strokes behind and have virtually ruled themselves out. Jamie Spence, another contender, withdrew before play started feeling unwell.

Paul Broadhurst, who played himself into the team two years ago with a courageous performance in this tournament, had a 70 and is six shots behind Langer. Sandy Lyle had another 69 and is five behind, slowly inching his way back to form. He has hit 33 out of 36 greens in regulation here, accurate golf by any standards.

Another former Ryder Cup player showing a return to form is Ronan Rafferty, whose 70 leaves him four behind. David Feherty is beginning to play well and had a 69 and Joakim Haeggman, the promising Swede who won the Spanish Open in May, had a 67. The pair of them are within three strokes of Langer.

Closest of all is Baker, the man at present standing ninth in the Ryder Cup points table. Baker played steadily for seven holes, spectacularly thereafter. He was five under par for his last 11 holes and every stroke that drew him closer to a faltering Langer was a blow to those players who were hoping to close on him.

Baker is young, aggressive, a long hitter and confident, all characteristics that should help him if, as expected, he is in the team at The Belfry. He has laid a sound foundation to his attempt to win a Ryder Cup place for the first time, but the really difficult part is only beginning. Over the next two rounds, we will really see what Baker is made of.

SCORES FROM DUSSELDORF

SECOND ROUND (GB and Ireland unless stated) 133, B Langer (Ger), 65, 68 134: P Baker, 68, 66, 135 A Bossen (Swtz), 66, 69, 136, J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 67; I Palmer (SA), 66, 70, D Feherty 67, 69; P O'Malley (Aus), 68, 68, 137, W Grady (Aus), 70, 67, G Orr, 67, 70; R Rafferty, 67, 70; A Cejka (Ger), 69, 68, J Rystrom (Swe), 65, 72, 138: A Lyle, 69, 69, A Johnstone (Zim), 69, 69; A Sorensen (Den), 69, 69, C Rocca (It), 68, 70, B Lane, 71, 67, E Romero (Arg), 67, 71, 139: H Clark, 71, 68, S Ames (Tri), 67, 72, R Goosen (SA), 68, 73, D Clarke, 69, 70, C Montgomerie, 68, 71, C Moody, 70, 69; P Eales, 70, 69, C Williams, 72, 67; P Broadhurst, 69, 70, D Curry, 70, 69, 140: J M Carbonero (Sp), 67, 73, G Day (US), 69, 71; J Rivero (Sp), 70, 70; M Davis, 70, 70; P Lawrie, 68, 72; P Price, 71, 69, P Affleck, 70, 70, F Nobilo (NZ), 69, 71, M James, 69, 71, J Carriles (Sp), 70, 70; D Hospital (Sp), 68, 72, M Gates, 69, 71, 141: R Allenby (Aus), 71, 70, S Ballesteros (Sp), 72, 69; D Smyth, 70, 71; M Clayton (Aus), 71, 70, G Turner (NZ), 70, 71, K Eriksson (Swe), 70, 71, E O'Connell, 72, 69, S Luna (Sp), 70, 71, 142; W Westner (SA), 74, 68, P Fowler (Aus), 71, 71; S Struver (Ger), 69, 73, T Lovet (Fr), 69, 73, G J Brand, 74, 68, P Mayo, 68, 74, O Karlsson (Swe), 71, 71, S Grappasonni (It), 72, 70, P Mitchell, 71, 71; R Chapman, 68, 74; S Tinning (Den), 69, 73, M Sunesson (Swe), 69, 73, G Lewenson (SA), 69, 73, M Lannor (Swe), 70, 72, A Binaghi (It) 73, 69

Hill emerges unscathed in pole position

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SPA

ITS name may have a romantic allure, but yesterday the Eau Rouge section of the spectacular track on which the Belgian grand prix will be raced tomorrow exerted its grisly influence over the first day's practice and qualifying sessions. More a kink than a corner, a dip that twists suddenly into a steep incline, the treacherous nature of Eau Rouge overshadowed another superlative performance by Damon Hill.

Hill, fresh from his first Formula One win, in Hungary a fortnight ago, negotiated it with style, if not without trepidation, on his way to claiming provisional pole position for the 44-lap race tomorrow by less than one tenth of a second from his Williams-*Renault team-mate, Alain* Prost. Others, not so skilled or a sight too fearless, suffered a considerably rougher passage.

The main casualty was Alessandro Zanardi, The Italianb Lotus driver, whose car was wrecked in a shattering 170mph crash coming out of Eau Rouge in morning practice. All four wheels, the wings and the front of the car were ripped off as its remains slewed from side to side across the Raidillon section of the track. When Michael Andretti slowed to try to avoid the debris, his McLaren teammate, Ayrton Senna, came flying over the brow of the hill and spun in his efforts to avoid him, coming to rest a few feet from the stricken Lotus.

The Brazilian, three times the world champion, was later reprimanded by the stewards for failing to slow down sufficiently when he saw the marshals frantically waving their flags to warn of the impending danger.

Zanardi, who was briefly knocked unconscious, was carried on a stretcher from his car and taken to hospital in Liège. He suffered only minor neck injuries, a tribute to the strength of the modern cockpit, but his participation in the race is in doubt.

Many of the drivers single out Spa, with its fast, sweeping corners and steep gradients, as one of their favourite tracks and Eau Rouge, which was also the sight of a shuddering Phillipe Alliot crash yesterday, ranks alongside corners like Curva Parabolica at Monza and the Tamburello at Imola in grand prix mythology.

The bravest of the brave drive through the section flat out without lifting their foot off the accelerator, a feat that Hill, who was more than 1.5sec ahead of Michael Schumacher's Benetton-Ford in third place, did not achieve.

"You are really exploring the limits at Eau Rouge," Hill said. "If you did it flat out, it would be a really big risk. It might be possible for the slower cars, but when you have got an extra 20 kilometres an hour in speed, it is very, very difficult.

"It is an intimidating section of the track. If you get it right, it is a great thrill, but if it goes wrong, it is really heart-in-the-mouth stuff and you get quite a scare. They have taken away the crash barriers there so, if you get it wrong, it can be even worse than normal."

Showers are forecast for tomorrow, but, without them, it seems that Hill and Prost will dominate the race. Hill has Senna in his sights in the battle for second place in the drivers' championship, while a win for the Frenchman, who has outqualified Hill ten times out of 11 this season, would tighten his grip on what would be a fourth title.

Even the three-time world champion had a word on the topic of the day, though. "The car does not feel too good through Eau Rouge," he said. "I want to work on that."

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: First session: 1, D Hill (GB), Williams, Imin 48.716sec (average speed 230.898kph); 2, A Prost (Fr), Williams, 1:48.794; 3, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1.50.305; 4, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1 51.385; 5, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork, 1:51.904; 6, R Patrese (It), Benetton, 1:51.925; 7, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:52.159; 8, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 1 52.210; 9, J Herbert (GB), Lotus, 1:52.369; 10, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:52.689; 11, D Warwick (GB), Footwork, 1:52.730; 12, M Blundell (GB), Ligier, 1.53 030; 13, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1:53.139; 14, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 1:53.235; 15, M Brundle (GB), Ligier, 1:53.323. Drivers' championship: 1, Prost, 77pts; 2, Senna, 50; 3, Hill, 38; 4, Schumacher, 38; 5, Patrese, 17; 6, Brundle, 11, equal 7, Blundell and Berger, 10; 9, Herbert, 9; equal 10, Lehto and C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi, 5, equal 12, Alesi and Warwick, 4; 14, Michael Andretti (US), McLaren, 3; equal 15, P Alliot (Fr, Larrousse), F Barbazza (It) and Wendlinger. 2 Constructors' championship: 1, Williams, 115pts; equal 2, McLaren and Benetton, 53; 4, Ligier, 21; 5, Ferrari, 14; 6, Lotus, 10, equal 7, Minardi and Sauber, 7; 9, Footwork, 4; 10, Larousse, 2.

TONY WHITE



Michael Whitaker guides Everest Monsanta over a fence in the Silk Cut Derby Trial at Hickstead yesterday

Derby Trial dominated by Whitakers

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN Whitaker confirmed his status as one of the chief rivals of his brother, Michael, for the Silk Cut Derby tomorrow with a narrow victory in the Derby Trial at Hickstead yesterday.

He rode Everest Gammon to victory by .2sec over his younger brother, who is chasing a third successive victory in the Derby. Michael will be looking to stop John becoming only the second rider after Eddie Macken in 1970 to win both the Trial and the Derby in the same year.

Everest Monsanta, the 18-year-old, was one of 12 out of the 70 starters to jump clear yesterday but was withdrawn from the jump-off to save him for tomorrow. Michael Whitaker confirmed yesterday that he will also ride My Messieur — who was second on the opening day of the meeting — in the Derby. It is difficult to look beyond the Whitakers for the winner of tomorrow's £35,000 first prize, which is the richest in British show jumping. They lie first and second in the world rankings and their thrilling performances yesterday made the Trial a virtual two-man competition.

John Whitaker and Gammon, who were third in the Hamburg Derby earlier this month, were first to go in the jump-off and finished in 35.40sec. "I looked down the list of riders and knew that it was Michael I would have to beat," he said.

Michael was third from last to go on My Messieur. He matched his brother's time over the first half of the course, but paid dearly for one extra stride to the planks, the penultimate fence.

The brothers' time was quickly put into perspective. Third place went to Charlie Moffat, 63, a Scots-born Australian, who guided Kelso Mulga Bill around the course in 46.70sec.

☐ Karen Dixon has withdrawn Get Smart from the British three-day event team for the European championships in Germany next month. The 13-year-old gelding, who has represented Britain in every championship since 1988, sustained a cut to his elbow when he fell at the water at Gatcombe two weeks ago and the injury is not yet fully healed.

Nick Burton, the son of the former England rugby union player, Mike Burton, replaces Dixon in the team of four with Bertie Blunt. Kristina Gifford with Song and Dance Man will compete as an individual alongside Helen Bell. Tanya Cleverly and Watkins are first reserves for the team.

RESULTS: Silk Cut Derby Trial: 1, Everest Gammon (J Whitaker, GB), 0 faults in 35.40sec. 2, Everest My Messieur (M Whitaker, GB), 0 in 35.60. 3, Kelso Mulga Bill (C Moffat, Aus), 0 in 46.70.

Prize date puts surfer on crest of a wave



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

TRUDY Todd's attempt to win the world surfing championships for Australia is backed by the promise of a date with a lady from an escort agency in Queensland. The assignation with a lady of your choice from Club 13 is first prize in a raffle; second prize is a voucher from a local sex shop worth A$40; third prize is a dozen flavoured condoms.

Todd, from Coolangatta, on the Gold Coast, has no idea this is happening. She is surfing the European leg of the world championship; she hopes to go on to compete in Japan, Hawaii and Brazil if she can raise the £10,000 to pay for it.

Club 13 is providing its services free out, of gratitude to Trudy's dad, Terry. He intervened when he saw a woman being assaulted on a Gold Coast street. The assailant ran off and Terry took the woman to hospital and considered that matters ended there. But the victim later read about the Todds' fund-raising for their daughter and offered to step in and organise a raffle. Nola Todd, Trudy's mum, said that all sorts of people had been buying raffle tickets: "Police officers and ministers of religion have even bought them."

Extra strength

It is always sad to get within sniffing distance of a century and then to run out of partners. This was the sad fate of Extras, in a recent match between Reading Continental and Hurst in a division four match of the Touche Ross Berkshire League. Hurst made 197, thanks to a magnificent 86 from Extras; 53 of these priceless runs came in wides. It says much for the morale of Reading Continental that, despite this magnificent knock, they won by seven wickets. Still, nobody can deny that the boy Extras done great.

Helping hand

Bobby Gould, the Coventry City manager, has come up with one of the better excuses for failing to win a football match. The full back was wearing gloves. After the 3-3 draw with Oldham, he complained bitterly that Neil Pointon had been permitted to wear white gloves; he wears them because of a skin complaint. The referee, Peter Foakes, had no objection and no objection to Pointon taking throw-ins, either, in which area of the game Gould believed the fiendish gloves gave Oldham an unfair advantage.

Blade runners

Richard Callum writes to tell me that the inscription "Snickers", worn by athletes at the recent world track and field championships, may not refer to the line of T.S. Eliot, as I suggested last week. He puts forward Lewis Carroll as an alternative, the line from *Jabberwocky* reading: "The vorpal blade went snicker-snack".

Interestingly, a French translation, *Le Jaseroque*, gives "*Le glaive vorpal fait pat-a-pan*"; while the German *Der Jammerwoch* has "Sein vorpals Schwert/zerschnifer-schnück". In any language, the example of the Jabberwock slayer is calculated to stir the blood of youth: no doubt why competitors chose to be emblazoned with this crucial word.

Boy wonder

A reader has kindly sent me the front page of the *West Somerset Free Press* concerning a village cricket match between Roadwater and Stogumber. Stogumber, I read, had ten men: anyone who has played cricket at this level will know the feeling and also the best solution. Bring in the nearest boy. Send for Simon Penny, ten. Penny was given a bowl, because that is the way of things in proper cricket. And he took the last eight wickets. Roadwater's opening bat, Dennis Takle, said: "We were doing very nicely at about 90 for two, then this little devil got going. We have some very handy lads on our team. They took it easy on him for an over or two before hitting out, and that's where the trouble began." *Stogumber won by* three wickets. "I was a bit surprised," Penny said. "But I was really going for it."



Horse nonsense

A National Hunt team take on a team of crack event riders tomorrow — at polo. The jockeys, Richard Dunwoody, Graham *McCourt, Simon McNeil*, and the trainer, Simon Sherwood, show they have the courage to face the danger of looking like complete eejits. A bunch of celebs will be playing bicycle polo. The event is in aid of the Spinal Injuries Association and takes place at Checkendon Park Polo Club, near Reading, kick-off 2.30.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal v Everton
Aston Villa v Tottenham
Chelsea v Sheffield Wed
Liverpool v Leeds
Norwich v Swindon
Oldham v Wimbledon
Sheffield Utd v Ipswich
Southampton v Manchester Utd (all ticket)
West Ham v QPR

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Barnsley v Birmingham
Charlton v Bolton
Crystal Palace v Portsmouth
Derby v Bristol City
Grimsby v Tranmere
Leicester v Millwall (all ticket)
Luton v Nottm Forest
Notts County v Sunderland
Oxford Utd v Watford
Southend v Peterborough
Stoke v West Brom
Wolverhampton v Middlesbrough

Second division

Barnet v Swansea (all ticket)
Bradford v Exeter
Brentford v Reading
Bristol Rovers v Fulham
Burnley v Leyton Orient
Cambridge Utd v Hull
Cardiff v Brighton
Hartlepool v Bournemouth
Huddersfield v Stockport
Plymouth v Port Vale
Wrexham v Blackpool
York v Rotherham

Third division

Bury v Crewe
Carlisle v Rochdale
Chester v Chesterfield
Colchester v Northampton
Darlington v Torquay
Gillingham v Scarborough
Hereford v Lincoln
Mansfield v Scunthorpe
Preston v Shrewsbury
Walsall v Doncaster
Wigan v Wycombe

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Bath
Gateshead v Telford
Kettering v Northwich
Kidderminster v Welling
Macclesfield v Dover
Slough v Halifax
Southport v Bromsgrove
Stafford v Dagenham and Redbridge
Witton v Merthyr
Woking v Runcorn
Yeovil v Stalybridge

Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen v St Johnstone
Dundee Utd v Hearts
Hibernian v Dundee
Motherwell v Raith
Partick v Celtic
Rangers v Kilmarnock

First division

Ayr v Dumberton
Clydebank v Clyde
Dunfermline v Airdrie
Hamilton v Falkirk
Morton v Brechin
Stirling v St Mirren

Second division

Berwick v Arbroath
East Fife v Alloa
East Stirling v Meadowbank
Forfar v Queen Of South
Queen's Park v Montrose
Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath
Stranraer v Albion

Northern Premier League

Premier division

*Accrington Stanley v Matlock
*Barrow v Emley
*Boston v Knowsley Utd
*Bridlington Town v Hyde

* on pools coupon

Buxton v Horwich; Chorley v Gainsborough; Colwyn Bay v Bishop Auckland; Droylsden v Mannc; Frickley v Leek; Morecombe v Winsford; Whitley Bay v Fleetwood

First division: Ashton v Goole, Spennymoor v Netherfield; Worksop v Curzon Ashton

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Kidsgrove; Darwen v Nantwich.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Liversedge v Pontefract Col.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Dorking (at Dulwich Hamlet FC); Chesham v Grays, Enfield v Harrow; Hayes v Hitchin; Hendon v Dulwich, Kingstonian v St Albans; Marlow v Basingstoke, Molesey v Sutton Utd, Stevenage Borough v Yeading, Wivenhoe v Carshalton; Woldingham v Aylesbury. First division: Berkhamsted v Worthing; Chatteri St Peter v Leyton, Wembley v Maidenhead. Second division: Aveley v Thame; Witham v Hampton. Third division: Kingsbury v Harlow.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Dorchester; Farnborough v Worcester, Gloucester v Solihull; Gresley Rovers v Crawley; Halesowen v Corby; Hastings v Burton, Hednesford v Basildey; Moor Green v Sittingbourne; Nuneaton v Cheltenham; Trowbridge v Cambridge City; Waterlooville v Atherstone Midland division: Bedworth v Forest Green; Clevedon v Sutton Coldfield; Grantham v Newport AFC. Southern division: Ashford v Burnham; Gravesend and Northfleet v Witney; Havant v Braintree; Salisbury v Canterbury; Wealdstone v Margate; Weymouth v Baldock.

JEWSON LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge City Res v Brantham; Clacton v Warboys; Ely v Hadleigh; Long Sutton v Stanway; Mildenhall v Sudbury Res, Somersham v Ipswich W; Swaffham v Bury T Res; Woodbridge v Downham.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton v Calne; Paulton Rovers v Saltash Utd.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth v Bristol Rovers (2.0)

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chatton v Arsenal, Chelsea v Watford; Gillingham v Leyton Orient, Millwall v Norwich; Portsmouth v Cambridge Utd; Southend v Ipswich; Tottenham v QPR; West Ham v Fulham. Second division: Bristol Rovers v Bristol City; Colchester v Brentford, Crystal Palace v Brighton; Reading v Luton, Southampton v Bournemouth; Swindon v Oxford Utd; Wimbledon v Tottenham.

TNT GOLD CUP: Sectional matches: Distillery v Coleraine, Newry v Linfield, Omagh v Crusaders.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry v Aberystwyth, Cwmbran v Afan Lido, Flint v Caersws; Llanelli v Haverfordwest, Llanssantfraid v Holywell, Mold v Connah's Quay; Newtown v Porthmadog; Ton Pentre v Ebbw Vale.

ABACUS LEAGUE: First division: Aberaman v Blaenrhondda; Abergavenny v Llanwern, AFC Porth v Port Talbot; Ammanford v Bridgend; Barry v Pembroke Boro; Brecon v Caldicot; Caerau v Morrision; Caerleon v Ferndale; Pontypridd v Cardiff CS

FA CUP: Preliminary round: Consett v Willington; Billingham v Alnwick; Yorkshire Amateur v Brandon, Billingham Synthonia v Darlington CS; Harrogate v Peterlee Newtown, Evenwood v Ferryhill; Esh Winning v Gretna; Horden CW v Hebburn; Ryhope CA v Prudhoe East End; Pickering v Penrith; Workington v Crook; Tow Law v West Auckland; Lancaster v Whickham, Murton v Durham; Atherton LR v Blackpool (Mem); Alfreton v Armthorpe Welfare, Bilcworth M W v Arnold; Belper v Bamber Bridge; Caernarfon v Burscough, Clitheroe v Congleton, Warrington v Bradford Park Ave; Flixton v Farsley Celtic, Glasshoughton Welfare v Glossop North End; Eccleshill v Denaby Utd, Hucknall v Chasterfield; Gt Harwood v Guiseley; Ossett Town v Harworth C I; Immingham v Ilkeston, Newcastle Town v Ossett Albion, Maine Road (Man) v Maltby M W, Lincoln v Moasley; Oldham T v North Ferriby; Skelmersdale v Thackley; Rossendale v Rossangion Main; Radcliffe Boro v Salford; Wednesfield v Eastwood T, West Bromwich T v Willenhall, Winterton v Prescot, Bilston v Bridgnorth, Armagge v Banbury; Chasetown v Barwell; Boldmere St Michaels v Blakenall, Halesowen H v Leicester; Dudley v Eastwood Hanley; Desborough v Evesham; Hinckley T v Hinckley A; Long Buckby v Redditch, Daventry v Oldbury; R C Warwick v Pershore, Stewarts and Lloyds v Stratford, Rothwell v Rushall Olympic, Rocester v Rushden and Diamonds; Stourport Swifts v Stourbridge; Brightlingsea v Canvey Island, Bishop's Stortford v Boston; Billericay v Bourne, Bury v Burnham Ramblers; Haverhill v Synesbury; Felixstowe v Gorleston; Fakenham v G Yarmouth, Histon v Heybridge Swifts, Stamford v Tiptree, Mirrlees Blackstone v Kings Lynn; March Town v Saffron Walden, Sudbury v Stowmarket, Watton v Barking; Wisbech v Brimedown, Lowestoft v Tamworth, Brook House v Boreham Wood; Chalfens v Cornard, Biggleswade v Barton; Dunstable v Collier Row, Edgware v Feltham and Hounslow; Clapton v Cheshunt; Hertford v Kempston, Hanwell v Hamsfield; Ford v Haringey Borough; Hornchurch v Hoddesdon, Northwood v Royston, Langford v Leighton; Ruislip Manor v Letchworth G C, Rainham v Purfleet; Walkamstow Pennant v Wingate and Finchley; Tilbury v Tring; Staines v Uxbridge, Southall v Ware, Bracknell v Bognor Regis, Burgess Hill v Arundel; Bedfont w/o Beckenham; Horsham YMCA v Croydon Athletic, Eastbourne v Egham; Croydon v Corinthian Casuals; Hailsham v Epsom and Ewell; Faversham v Fisher; Erith and Belvedere v Godalming and Guildford; Horsham v Herne Bay; Merstham v Pagham, Lewes v Littlehampton; Langney Sports v Malden Vale, Oakwood v Met Police; Portfield v Steyning; Redhill v Ringmar; Ramsgate v Selsey; Southwick v Slade Green; Whyteleafe v Three Bridges; Tooting and Mitcham v Tunbridge Wells; Tonbridge v Whitehawk, Windsor and Eton v Wick; Cove v Walton and Hersham; Bournemouth v Brockenhurst; Shoreham v Buckingham; Fareham v Eastleigh; Newbury v Lancing; Gosport Borough v Hungerford; Peacehaven and Telscombe v Fleet; Oxford City v Newport IOW; Totton v Ryde Sports; Poole Town v Swanage Town and Herston, Wimborne Town v Westbury; Barnstaple v Exmouth, Bridport v Bristol Manor Farm; Bideford v Chippenham; Elmore v Devizes; Melksham v Falmouth; Frome v Glastonbury; Odd Down v Ilfracombe; Moreton v Minehead; Torrington v Yate Town; Shortwood v St Blazey; Dawlish v Taunton, Weston-Super-Mare v Welton Rovers.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Preliminary round: Rhyl Delta v Llangefni, Llanrwst v Nelyn, Llanfairpwll v Llandymog, Rhydymwyn v Locomotive Llanberis; Pwllheli Borough v Nantlle Vale; Y Felinheli v Penmaenmawr Phoenix; Overton-Marchwiel v Prestatyne St Andrews; Morda v New Broughton; Llay Welfare v Bala; British Aerospace v Chirk AAA; Penycae v Llay R B L; Pontardawe v Seven Sisters, Penparcau v Llangefnor; Porthcawl v British Steel; Swansea v Milford; B P Llandarcy v South Wales Constabulary, Goytre v Porth/Tywyn; Newcastle Emlyn v Pontyclun; Chepstow v Cardiff Corinthians; Tonyrefail Welfare v Abercynon Athletic; Treowen Stars v Tredomen, Fields Park/Pontllanfraith v Pontlottyn B F, Talts Well v Panteg, Newport YMCA v Trelewis Welfare.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

Third day of four

11 0, 110 overs minimum

ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex.
LYTHAM: Lancashire v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Somerset.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Durham.

Second Youth Test match

Third day of four

HOVE: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division (all 2.30) Askam v Chorley, Dudley Hill v Blackpool, Hemel Hempstead v West Hull, Leigh MW v Egremont; Saddleworth v Wigan St Patricks; Woolston v Nottingham City.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness).
EQUESTRIANISM: Silk Cut Derby meeting (Hickstead).
GOLF: European amateur championship (Dalmahoy)
HOCKEY: Great Britain XI v Australia (Bisham Abbey, 7.0)
ICE HOCKEY: Olympic Games play-offs. Great Britain v Poland (7 0, Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: First division: Eastbourne v Poole (7.30). Second division: Swindon v Exeter (7.30)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

Newcastle v Blackburn (4.0)

FA CUP: Preliminary round: Stocksbridge PS v St Helens.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Liskeard v Mangotsfield.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: *Premier division: Bohemians v Monaghan* (3.30); Cobh Ramblers v Shelbourne (3.0); Derry v Cork (3.30), Drogheda v Galway (3.30), Limerick v Dundalk (3.30); St Patrick's v Shamrock (3.30).

CRICKET

Axa Equity & Law League

12.0, 50 overs

COLCHESTER: Essex v Middlesex.
EBBW VALE: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Somerset.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Durham.

Second Youth Test match

Final day of four

HOVE: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19.

ROTHMANS VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP (one day): Lord's: Frocester v Kington (11 0).
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Amersham: Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire. Instow: Devon v Wales; Weymouth: Dorset v Wiltshire Brockhampton: Herefordshire v Berkshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Bradford v Widnes
Halifax v Oldham
Hull K R v St Helens (3.15)
Leigh v Featherstone
Salford v Sheffield
Warrington v Wakefield
Wigan v Hull

Second division

Barrow v Keighley (2.30)
Bramley v Whitehaven (3.30)
Dewsbury v Carlisle (3.30)
Rochdale v Highfield
Ryedale York v Swinton (3.15)
Workington v Huddersfield

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: McDonalds Games (Sheffield)
BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness).
EQUESTRIANISM: Silk Cut Derby meeting (Hickstead).
GOLF: European amateur championship (Dalmahoy)
HOCKEY: England v Australia (Reading, 2 30)
ICE HOCKEY: Olympic Games play-offs (Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: Third division: Glasgow v Middlesbrough (6.30), Newcastle v Rye House (7 0), Edinburgh v Oxford (7 15)
TENNIS: Reebok Tour championship: Final (Jersey)

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Saturday portrait: Bernard Gallacher, by John Hopkins, golf correspondent

Conservative Scot with leading role in European unity

This morning, a small man in his mid-forties with black curly hair and a brisk, business-like manner will board a plane at Heathrow and fly to Düsseldorf, where he will climb into a waiting car and be driven the few miles to the Hubbelrath golf club. He will be neatly dressed and quietly spoken because he always is and, if the sun is shining, he will wear sun-glasses, as he often does.

On other Sunday mornings Bernard Gallacher can be seen partnering the captain of the Wentworth Golf Club against two members (and probably pocketing their money) in pursuit of his duties as head golf professional at the famous Surrey sports complex. This Sunday, he will watch the conclusion of the German Open and note the nine players who have automatically qualified for the European Ryder Cup team that he will captain against the Americans at The Belfry in one month's time. Then he will consult with his senior lieutenants and select three more players for his team. Their names will be announced on Monday morning.

The Americans have a cerebral type like Tom Watson, with his degree in psychology from Stanford University, to lead their side. Captains from this side of the Atlantic tend to to have graduated from the university of life. A good example was Eric Brown, the feisty Scot from Bathgate who led the 1969 Ryder Cup team. Another was Tony Jacklin, the brilliant tactician who captained Europe to victory in 1985 and 1987 and to a tie in 1989.

Gallacher fits this mould perfectly. Born in Bathgate, a working-class town midway between Edinburgh and Glasgow that was built on an iron and steel industry and later became the site of a BMC car plant, he played golf at the local club. His father was an insurance agent for the Prudential. His mother kept order at home, ruling the house full of three men with occasional, dramatic bursts of temper.

You can tell at a glance the character and political views of some people. Subject Gallacher to a steady gaze and you will see a man of just below average height, who dresses smartly in clothes from the better high street shops, keeps his shoes polished and his nose clean, reads *The Daily Telegraph* and votes Conservative. Gallacher makes no secret of his admiration for Margaret Thatcher. "I think she was wonderful." With his wife, Lesley, a tower of strength to him and his greatest supporter, he lives in a tastefully decorated house of 1930s architectural vintage on the Wentworth estate. Music echoes around the rooms, which contain the political biographies Gallacher reads avidly. Their three children, Kirsty, Jamie and Laura Kate, attend private schools.

There is a tone of grittiness in Gallacher's voice that correctly reflects one internal demon. The tilt of his head and jut of his jaw suggest another, a visual warning signal: "Look here pal, I may be small but don't meddle with me or you'll lose out." An acquaintance of Gallacher's described it as "not a chip on his shoulder but, perhaps, a crisp".

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Competitiveness is an integral part of Gallacher's psyche. He bears out a hackneyed conception of his race, namely that Scotsmen are born bristling at most things and particularly at the English, just as Welshmen are supposed to have perfect pitch from birth and Englishmen are capable of peeling an orange with a knife and fork before they are in long trousers.

He was a useful all-round sportsman at St Mary's Academy in Bathgate, playing football and golf (practising for 1½ hours before school each morning) and swimming and running as well. In recalling how he was runner-up in a county cross-country championship at the age of 16, he reveals his competitiveness when he says he was only beaten by the Scottish champion — and not by much.

An above-average student at school, he passed the seven O levels he sat. The trouble was the edge of competition was absent at school when he was required to read Shakespeare or test the pH value of water. On the other hand, down at the golf club, which was 20 minutes' walk from the family home, there was enough of it even for Gallacher.

The big thing among the boys at Bathgate Golf Club in those days was to manipulate the handicap system to your advantage, and Gallacher was only one of many who thrived on the challenge of keeping enough in reserve to win. The Cameron Trophy was the major nett competition and if it was won with a nett score of 46, 73 minus a handicap of 37, then it was well done. You won because you had played the tricks best and the satisfaction of putting one over his pimply-faced peers was as pleasurable an experience for the teenaged Gallacher as many he was to savour in later life.

This urge to beat his peers surfaced again when, after a successful career as an amateur, he was persuaded to turn professional at 18 and joined a stable of players which included Tommy Horton, Brian Barnes and Malcolm Gregson. With occasional coaching from Max Faulkner who, eccentric as ever, thought Gallacher's excessively strong left hand grip on a club was wonderful, the young Scot raced ahead. In 1969, only his second season as a professional, he won the order of merit, two of his 14 victories on the European tour and made his Ryder Cup debut, the first of eight successive appearances.

That match at Birkdale is famous for ending in a tie when Jack Nicklaus conceded a putt that Jacklin might have missed. Earlier, Gallacher was paired with Brian Huggett in a four-ball match against Ken Still and Dave Hill. After a couple of minor incidents, the match erupted when Huggett and Gallacher claimed a hole after Hill had putted out of turn.

The significance of this is not what happened, though. it is entirely within Gallacher's nature to adhere strictly to the rules. It is that Gallacher enjoyed the whole match and most of all the sight of Hill playing a series of glorious strokes that were fired clearly by his rage. Gallacher's memory is that Hill defeated the pair of them with an eagle on the 17th, and well done it was, too.

There were rough edges to the boy from Bathgate, though. A journalist remembers hearing him belabour his much older partner in amateur foursomes competitions. Not until he became an assistant to Tom Haliburton, the distinguished professional at Wentworth, in January 1970, did the edges start to be rounded off.

His wife, Lesley, who was born in Edinburgh to English parents, made a start. The hot-headed, hard-working young professional found a father figure in Haliburton, who taught Gallacher not by words but by deeds during the two or three games they played each week at Wentworth.

One of the worst moments of Gallacher's life came in October 1975, the day after he and Haliburton had watched Lesley graduate as a dietician. Haliburton and Gallacher had begun a round on the East course when Haliburton collapsed on the first green. Gallacher made frantic attempts to revive him but failed and then had to break the news to Haliburton's wife. Captaining a Ryder Cup team, telling one player to pick up his form or another that he is dropped from a foursomes or four-ball would never be as hard for a man who has seen his hero, mentor, friend and boss die in front of him.

The match next month against the Americans will be Gallacher's second as captain. It will also be his last. His first ended in a one-point defeat but earned him little but praise. One story from Kiawah Island 23 months ago perfectly captures the spirit of captain Bernard, the boy from Bathgate now transplanted to a stronghold of home counties Conservative correctness. The morning after their defeat the European team found bills for dry cleaning had been placed outside their doors. At a team meeting Gallacher referred to them. "Some of you may be wondering what to do about them," he said. "Wipe your feet on them."

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Prendergast holds key to rich prize

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

RESTRICTED races may not appeal to the racing purist, but there is no denying the attraction of the Ir£150,000 Tattersalls Two-Year-Old Breeders' Stakes at the Curragh today. Entry is confined to colts and fillies sold at the Tattersalls Fairyhouse September sale last autumn.

Nineteen have been declared, eight of them trained in Britain. The team is led by Julie Cecil's Star Jazz, her first runner in Ireland. She has booked Lester Piggott and the filly is reported to have improved since finishing a close second to Lady B-Ok at Salisbury.

Even so, she may meet her match in the Kevin Prendergast-trained pair Something Super and Better Folly. It is a pointer to Something Super that stable jockey Willie Supple has elected to ride him in preference to Better Folly, who ran so well at the Curragh last Saturday when fourth to Low Key Affair. Something Super had two runs in the early part of the year and finished fourth to the highly-rated Marvin's Faith at Naas.

William Muir will saddle his first Irish runner in the group three EBF Anglesea Stakes, having supplemented his unbeaten youngster Averti (IRE) earlier this week. On a line through Turtle Island, Averti should be too strong for the Aga Khan's Keraka.

☐ The race will be shown live on Channel 4.

3.30 TATTERSALLS BREEDERS STAKES (Listed race 2-Y-O: Ir£73,750: 6f) (19 runners)

6 Blazing Honda C Brittain 8-10 (J Weaver); 510 Catwalker (B) E O'Grady 8-10 (R Hughes); Collector General B Kelly 8-10 (–); 340 Diamond Frontier J Berry 8-10 (K J Manning); 00 Nordic Air (B) J Bolger 8-10 (C Roche); 2631 Palacegate Jack J Berry 8-10 (S Crane); 050 Papagayos C Brittain 8-10 (B Doyle); 5 Quintillani P Mathews 8-10 (J P Murtagh) 0136 Shiowen (B) D Weld 8-10 (M J Kinane); 44 Something Super K Prendergast 8-10 (W J Supple), 5534 Better Folly K Prendergast 8-7 (–); 6 Meglio Che Posso W Mullins 8-7 (–); 60 Moments To Care J McLoughlin 8-7 (–); 3 Music Of Dance J Eustace 8-7 (M Tebbutt) 5 Posenzee R Hannon 8-7 (W Newnes); 00 Smart Rosie O Weldon 8-7 (–); 0431 Sophie's Pet M Grassick 8-7 (J F Egan); 32 Star Jazz Mrs J Cecil 8-7 (L Piggott); 05 Strathtore Dream Miss L Perratt 8-7 (–).

7-2 Sophie's Pet, 5-1 Better Folly, 6-1 Something Super, 7-1 Star Jazz, 8-1 Catwalker, 10-1 Palacegate Jack, 12-1 Shiowen, Music Of Dance, 14-1 others

Chicago lures Dettori

FRANKIE Dettori rides the David Loder-trained pair Peter Davies and Lupescu at Arlington racecourse in Chicago this weekend. Lupescu runs in the grade one Beverly D Stakes today, but has a stiff task against six rivals who include Flawlessly and Let's Elope, the 1991 Melbourne Cup winner.

Peter Davies tackles tomorrow's £397,350 Arlington Million over ten furlongs, a race which has attracted one other European raider, last year's winner, Dear Doctor, who is trained in France by John Hammond and will be ridden by Corey Black.

However, both face high-class opposition in Lure, the winner of last season's Breeders' Cup Mile, and Star Of Cozzene, who holds two recent verdicts over Lure.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

NEWCASTLE: Trainers: B Beasley, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; M Stoute, 13 from 42, 31.0%; M Camacho, 9 from 31, 29.0%; M Bell, 4 from 21, 19.0%; J Berry, 21 from 114, 18.4%; J Watts, 12 from 68, 17.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 87, 17.2%. Jockeys: G Duffield, 14 winners from 66 rides, 21.2%; B Raymond, 6 from 34, 17.6%; N Connorton, 9 from 58, 15.5%; M Birch, 20 from 136, 14.7%; K Darley, 19 from 147, 12.9%. Only qualifiers.

WINDSOR: Trainers: H Cecil, 9 winners from 34 runners, 26.5%; R Charlton, 5 from 22, 22.7%, G Wragg, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Gosden, 7 from 39, 17.9%; R Hannon, 36 from 218, 16.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 6 from 37, 16.2%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 52 from 211, 24.6%; Stephen Davies, 3 from 14, 21.4%; W R Swinburn, 14 from 81, 17.3%; M Roberts, 20 from 117, 17.1%; T Sprake, 6 from 41, 14.6%; T Quinn, 15 from 134, 11.2%.

CARTMEL: Trainers: G Richards, 17 winners from 45 runners, 37.8%; G Moore, 7 from 25, 28.0%; D Moffatt, 6 from 26, 23.1%; M Chapman, 10 from 57, 17.5%; J White, 8 from 49, 16.3%. Jockeys: P Niven, 3 winners from 16 rides, 18.8%; R Supple, 4 from 22, 18.2%; W Worthington, 5 from 31, 16.1%. Only qualifiers.

HEREFORD: Trainers: O Sherwood, 7 winners from 15 runners, 46.7%; M Pipe, 39 from 111, 34.2%; D Nicholson, 8 from 37, 21.6%; C Trietline, 4 from 26, 15.4%; B Preece, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J Upson, 3 from 20, 15.0%; R Lee, 8 from 67, 11.9%; J Bradley, 5 from 42, 11.9%; K Bridgwater, 3 from 27, 11.1%. Jockeys: J McCarthy, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; J Osborne, 9 from 22, 40.9%; G Bradley, 3 from 10, 30%; M Hourigan, 4 from 16, 25.0%; S McNeill, 14 from 61, 23.0%; J Kavanagh, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.15 Hawajiss. 2.50 Drum Sergeant. 3.25 Smart Pet. 4.00 Atherton Green. 4.30 Magnetic Point. 5.00 Scoffera.

Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 HAWAJISS (nap).

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2.15 NEWGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,816: 7f) (11 runners)

1 00 AJNAS 26 H Thomson Jones 8-11 N Carlisle 5
2 CURLEW CALLING M Bell 8-11 M Fenton (3) 9
3 002 DURHAM DRAPES 42 M H Easterby 8-11 M Birch 10
4 FIVE AND UP FIVE Mrs M Reveley 8-11 J Fanning 7
5 2 HAWAJISS 14 M Stoute 8-11 B Raymond 6
6 3 I FEAR NOTHING 36 D Loder 8-11 F Norton 11
7 5 KRISTAL DIVA 12 (BF) M Johnston 8-11 R P Elliott 4
8 43 MUMTAZ FLYPAST 21 Mrs M Reveley 8-11 K Darley 2
9 OPUS ONE Miss S Hall 8-11 S Webster 3
10 2 SALSKA 24 J Glover 8-11 G Duffield 1
11 06 SHARONE 32 M Camacho 8-11 N Connorton 8

5-4 Hawajiss, 6-1 Mumtaz Flypast, 8-1 I Fear Nothing, 10-1 Sharone, 14-1 others.

2.50 GALLOWGATE APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,406: 6f) (13)

1 8030 ARABAT 10 (V,D,F,G,S) M Wane 6-9-9 N Varley 8
2 2200 DRUM SERGEANT 7 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-9-9 S Copp (5) 13
3 4316 OBSIDIAN GREY 14 (D,G,S) Miss L Siddall 6-8-13 D McCabe 2
4 4230 LARN FORT 21 (V,D,G,S) T Fairhurst 3-8-9 P McCabe 6
5 0-00 PREMIER ENVELOPE 215 (F) Mrs P Barker 4-8-9 J Marshall 4
6 5002 RAIN SPLASH 12 (D,G,S) J Balding 3-8-6 Claire Balding 7
7 0000 FREDDIE JACK 15 F Lee 3-8-7 M Humphries 9
8 0-00 PINK CITY 7 (V) J Balding 3-8-7 J Edmunds (7) 1
9 0/0 RICHER SPIRIT 28 B Beasley 4-8-6 D Thomas (5) 12
10 005 MARCHMAIN 38 J Berry 3-8-5 P Roberts (3) 10
11 3305 MISSED THE BOAT 18 T Barron 3-8-3 V Halliday 5
12 55 RUPERT COURT 19 T Barron 3-8-3 Kimberley Hart (7) 11
13 0-40 SYKE LANE 19 R Whitaker 4-8-0 G Parkin (3) 3

5-2 Rain Splash, 11-4 Drum Sergeant, 6-1 Marchmain, 8-1 others.

3.25 ARMADA NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £7,245: 5f) (8)

1 3220 RAFFERTY'S RULES 5 Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 D Thomas (7) 1
2 2241 LADY SHERIFF 16 (D,F) M W Easterby 9-2 T Lucas 8
3 0021 IVA'S FLYER 16 (D,G) J Berry 8-13 K Darley 4
4 1052 SMART PET 17 (CD,F) Miss S Hall 8-12 N Connorton 6
5 5420 NO MEAN CITY 9 A Bailey 8-8 L Charnock 7
6 2503 ARTA 9 R Whitaker 8-6 N Carlisle 2
7 3304 CHEEKY CHAPPY 9 (B) D Chapman 8-2 G Duffield 5
8 206 WARTHILL WHISPERS 57 M Brittain 7-9 J Lowe 3

11-4 Rafferty's Rules, 3-1 Iva's Flyer, 11-2 Warthill Whispers, 7-1 others.

4.00 THOMAS LONSDALE GALLAGHER HANDICAP (£3,915: 1m 2f 32yd) (10)

1 3111 ERZIA 17 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-10 K Darley 1
2 3223 PERSIAN CHARMER 8 Miss L Perratt 3-9-9 B Raymond 3
3 0060 GOLDEN TORQUE 15 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-9-7 H Bastiman (7) 10
4 3533 ATHERTON GREEN 23 (F) J Glover 3-8-3 M Birch 9
5 0321 DOCTOR ROY 9 (D,F,G) N Bycroft 5-8-8 D Wright (5) 8
6 3545 HAND ON HEART 10 (V,F,G) P Monteith 4-8-5 S Maloney (3) 5
7 4500 SILVER STANDARD 10 (V,S) J Watts 3-8-4 G Duffield 7
8 2400 FLASHMAN 9 (B) F Lee 3-8-3 N Carlisle 2
9 5236 SHARQUIN 43 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-7-12 J Lowe 4
10 360- OUR JOEY 381 J Wharton 4-7-7 J Fanning 8

11-4 Doctor Roy, 7-2 Erzia, 6-1 Atherton Green, 8-1 Sharquin, 10-1 Persian Charmer, Hand On Heart, Silver Standard, 12-1 others.

4.30 WESTGATE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,262: 1m) (18)

1 -005 BEND SABLE 8 P Haslam 3-9-10 S Maloney (3) 3
2 5400 SHAMGAAN 61 (BF) M Stoute 3-9-9 B Raymond 6
3 3300 TWO LUMPS 9 (V,BF) I Balding 3-9-7 K Darley 9
4 3340 SWEET DISORDER 9 (B) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-6 N Carlisle 18
5 6524 PREMIER STAR 5 (B,BF) M Bell 3-9-6 M Fenton (3) 2
6 0200 FORT VALLY 29 B Murray 3-9-5 G Parkin (7) 15
7 5344 FLASHELLA 29 (V) J Hetherton 3-9-5 O Pears (3) 12
8 0-36 MAGNETIC POINT 9 A Hide 4-9-3 J Tate (5) 11
9 0605 COUREUR 12 J Bethell 4-9-1 G Duffield 7
10 0224 CLARIFICATION 50 (BF) J Wharton 3-8-11 J Fanning 17
11 2540 CANNY LAD 22 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-10 D McCabe (5) 1
12 -036 PINKERTON'S SILVER 10 (B) M H Easterby 3-8-9 M Birch 4
13 -665 BREAKING HEARTS 15 A Stringer 3-8-9 J Marshall (5) 10
14 0005 HOD-MOD 12 A Bailey 3-8-3 — 16
15 -502 LETTERMORE 18 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-2 J Lowe 14
16 2650 DANCES WITH GOLD 12 M Johnston 3-7-12 F Norton 5
17 4350 DOUBLE THE STAKES 15 (B) F Lee 4-7-10 L Charnock 8
18 00-0 NISHARA 15 (V) N Bycroft 5-7-7 D Wright (5) 13

6-1 Lettermore, 13-2 Premier Star, 8-1 Shamgaan, Dances With Gold, Clarification, 10-1 Flashela, Pinkerton's Silver, 12-1 others.

5.00 WIDE OPEN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,012: 1m) (5)

1 0000 HARPOON LOUIE 7 (F) M H Easterby 9-7 K Darley 2
2 5113 SCOFFERA 25 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 8-13 Kim Tinkler 3
3 0404 MELODYS DAUGHTER 51 (G) C W C Elsey 8-0 F Norton 4
4 0190 HOT OFF THE PRESS 10 (D,F) R Whitaker 7-12. D Wright (5) 5
5 1554 GOLD DESIRE 9 (D,S) M Brittain 7-8 J Lowe 1

2-1 Harpoon Louie, 5-2 Scoffera, 4-1 Hot Off The Press, 11-2 others.

CARTMEL

THUNDERER

2.20 Mellow Gold. 2.55 Battle Standard. 3.30 River House. 4.05 Elegant King. 4.35 Counterbid. 5.10 Mr Genealogy.

GOING: FIRM

2.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,847: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 0P3- DARK FOUNTAIN 69 J Dixon 6-11-0 L O'Hara
2 /00- MAJESTIC GOLD 143 F Jordan 5-11-0 R Supple
3 FAUSTINA Mrs S Lamyman 5-10-9 D Telfer
4 00- MELLOW GOLD 278 G Richards 6-10-9 R Dunwoody
5 ABSOLUTE DANCER W Bentley 4-10-6 A Maguire
6 JOYFUL SMITH J Dixon 4-10-6 Mr R Hale (7)

11-8 Mellow Gold, 11-4 Dark Fountain, 7-2 Absolute Dancer, 7-1 Majestic Gold, 8-1 Joyful Smith, 14-1 Faustina.

2.55 CHAS KENDALL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,748: 2m 1f 110yd (11)

1 640- BATTLE STANDARD 117F (D,F,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-10 J Burke (7)
2 /6/3 DOCTOR'S REMEDY 7 (G) Mrs J Jordan 7-11-5 D Morris
3 0-21 CYRILL HENRY 14 (D,F) M Dods 4-11-3 A Merrigan
4 465- DEVIL'S SOUL 126 K Linton 5-11-2 A Linton (7)
5 4-3F SUNTAN 21 (B) R O'Leary 4-11-0 L Wyer
6 005- HEAVENLY HOOFER 91 (F,G) J Goulding 10-10-7 C Dennis
7 0F0- GOLDEN MADJAMBO 233 F Jordan 7-10-6 R Supple
8 05P- MARANDISA 18F M Wane 6-10-4 J Callaghan
9 F0U- SALLY FLAME 119 Mrs M Kendall 7-10-3 Mrs M Kendall
10 P4-0 SWANK GILBERT 5 T Cuthbert 7-10-0 Carol Cuthbert (7)
11 0P5- NEVENTER 35F M Chapman 4-10-0 W Worthington

5-2 Cyrill Henry, 4-1 Suntan, 11-2 Battle Standard, 6-1 Heavenly Hoofer, 7-1 Neventer, 10-1 Doctor's Remedy, Devil's Soul, 12-1 Swank Gilbert, 16-1 others.

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,690: 3m 2f) (4)

1 1-1P RIVER HOUSE 19 (BF,F,G,S) J White 11-12-0 A Maguire
2 242- LOCAL CUSTOMER 84 (F) P Bradley 8-10-2 W Humphreys
3 5-60 BEN TIRRAN 14 (V,F,G) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-0 D Telfer
4 UP-5 MR PANACHE 5 (F) J Hubbuck 11-10-0 D Bentley (5)

8-11 River House, 6-4 Local Customer, 8-1 Ben Tirran, 12-1 Mr Panache.

4.05 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,364: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 011- DEB'S BALL 15F (CD,F,G,S) D Moffatt 7-12-0 D J Moffatt (3)
2 64F- QUALITAIR SOUND 49F (D,F,G,S) J Bottomley 5-10-12 D Byrne
3 2F0- ABLE PLAYER 210 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-10-8 Mr D Parker (7)
4 50-1 SRIVIJAYA 7 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-4 P Niven
5 31-U ELEGANT KING 8F (G,S) A Jarvis 4-10-0 T Jarvis
6 312- BEAUCADEAU 91 (CD,F) M Barnes 7-10-0 A Dobbin (3)
7 000- BALAAT 57F (CD,F) M Chapman 5-10-0 W Worthington

7-4 Deb's Ball, 2-1 Srivijaya, 9-2 Qualitair Sound, 7-1 Able Player, 8-1 others.

4.35 LAKELAND PENNINE LINEN AND WORKWARE RENTAL NOVICES CHASE
(£2,513: 2m 5f 110yd) (4)

1 2-11 COUNTERBID 14 (V,F,G) J Edwards 6-11-12 A Maguire
2 42-3 HELMAR 21 (S) F Jordan 7-11-2 R Supple
3 0/P4 SECOND ATTEMPT 7 B Mactaggart 9-11-2 B Storey
4 0F-3 THE RAMBLING MAN 8 G Richards 6-11-2 M Dwyer

4-5 Counterbid, 15-8 The Rambling Man, 5-1 Helmar, 8-1 Second Attempt.

5.10 CUMBRIA TOURIST BOARD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,005: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 11 MR GENEALOGY 22 (F) (B,D) J White 11-9 A Maguire
2 P BIG GEM 14 M Chapman 11-0 W Worthington
3 BURNT IMP 77F G Moore 11-0 J Callaghan
4 COMMANCHE CREEK 18F J Hellens 11-0 A Larnach (3)
5 MYNYDDS 9F J Berry 11-0 M Moloney
6 WHO'S THE BEST 10F A Jarvis 11-0 T Jarvis
7 0 KISS IN THE DARK 14 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 10-9 P Niven
8 TINA'S DOMAIN 37F J Berry 10-9 Mr D Parker (7)

1-3 Mr Genealogy, 6-1 Burnt Imp, 7-1 Kiss In The Dark, 12-1 others.

THUNDERER

5.20 Gipsy Kid. 5.45 Captain Scarlet. 6.10 Moon Spin. 6.40 Source Of Light. 7.10 Tremolando. 7.40 Wings Cove.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, HIGH BEST SIS

5.20 BRADFIELD SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,968: 5f 217yd) (22 runners)

1 3030 CLASSICAL DON 36 J Jenkins 8-11 N Day 6
2 CLASSICAL B Meehan 8-11 S Whitworth 12
3 050 KINGSCOURT JOHN-A 3 (B) J Moore 8-11 — 1
4 MASTER HAMELETTE M Bolton 8-11 A Tucker 3
5 0540 MONSIEUR PETONG 16 M Channon 8-11 R Painter 7
6 0 PINATUBO 15 H Candy 8-11 S Dawson 13
7 RAFTER-J Miss J Doyle 8-11 J B Russell (5) 21
8 006 ROYAL INTERPRETER 19 (B) P McEntee 8-11 S Raymont 5
9 5050 THORNY BISHOP 7 (B) J Bridger 8-11 S O'Gorman 4
10 AILEENS GIRL J Long 8-6 Wendy Jones 17
11 4345 BESSIE'S WILL 21 (V) D Haydn Jones 8-6 A Mackay 6
12 006 DAVIDS DIAMOND 30 J Jenkins 8-6 Sally Wall (7) 22
13 000 DISH OF THE DAY 19 M Fetherston-Godley 8-6 C Rutter 14
14 000 DREAM MISSY 17 J Bosley 8-6 N Gwilliams (5) 20
15 DUTCH MISS W G Turner 8-6 S Drowne (7) 10
16 5 GIPSY KID 60 R Guest 8-6 C Hawksley (7) 2
17 0 LOUGH KEY LADY 50 B Palling 8-6 T Sprake 18
18 4654 ROCKABYE BAILEYS 14 B McMath 8-6 C Hodgson (3) 16
19 0 SNOWDON SLIGHTS 24 M Tompkins 8-6 S Mulvey (7) 15
20 3000 SOUTHDOWN GIRL 7 (V) P Butler 8-6 L Newton (5) 9
21 5504 SPORT RACING CLUB 15 (B) Miss G Kelleway 8-6 Stephen Davies (5) 11
22 000 WHITCHURCH SILK 81 G Balding 8-6 R Price 19

6-1 Sport Racing Club, 13-2 Bessie's Will, 7-1 Classical Don, 8-1 others.

5.45 LORDS TAVERNERS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,721: 5f 217yd) (18)

1 AT THE SAVOY C Booth 9-0 N Day 17
2 2 CAPTAIN SCARLET 58 B Meehan 9-0 S Whitworth 4
3 GADGE J Sutcliffe 9-0 C Rutter 7
4 6650 MIDSEAS 16 Miss J Doyle 9-0 T Sprake 16
5 60 NORTHGATE SYMPHONY 64 M Britain 9-0 A Mackay 2
6 0 ONLY FOOLS 33 G Balding 9-0 R Price 12
7 POLY SCREEN M Channon 9-0 Lorna Vincent 18
8 05 SCREWBALL ANACONDA 36 C James 9-0 C Hawksley (7) 5
9 0 SUPERLATIVECASTING 24 J Fitch-Heyes 9-0 A Tucker 6
10 22 WESTERN FLEET 35 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 T Quinn 15
11 CIZARGA D Cosgrove 9-0 L Newton (5) 11
12 00 ESOTERIC 3 P Mitchell 9-0 S O'Gorman 10
13 5 LADY WILLIAMS 26 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 D Harrison (3) 14
14 65 LIFE'S TOO SHORT 70 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 A Martinez (7) 1
15 546 LIGHTNING BELLE 19 (B) M McCormack 8-9. J D Smith (7) 13
16 MATHANDAR B Palling 8-9 Stephen Davies (5) 8
17 ROODMAS H Candy 8-9 Antoinette Armes (7) 3
18 STRUMPET CITY R Charlton 8-9 S Raymont 9

4-9 Western Fleet, 4-1 Strumpet City, 6-1 Captain Scarlet, 8-1 others.

6.10 FRILLIES FILLIES HANDICAP SKY
(£4,050: 1m 67yd) (10)

1 0124 MOON SPIN 16 (D,F,G) W Hern 4-10-0 Paul Eddery 9
2 5500 VAYAVAIG 32 (S) J Fanshawe 3-9-7 W R Swinburn 1
3 6510 SINGER ON THE ROOF 35 (V,BF,D,G) I Balding 3-8-12 S O'Gorman 8
4 2062 PRINCESS HAYLEY 14 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-10 D Holland 3
5 0315 DARE SPARROW 17 (F) P Walwyn 3-8-10 T Quinn 2
6 300- OVERNIGHT SUCCESS 312 M Madgwick 3-8-7 C Avery 5
7 0234 PRECIOUS AIR 25 (D,F,G,S) A Moore 5-8-3 B Russell (5) 10
8 2361 STARLIGHT ROSE 45 (D,F) C Horgan 3-7-13 E Johnson 7
9 5040 CANADIAN CAPERS 3 (F) M Channon 4-7-7 A Mackay 6
10 2000 KELLY'S KITE 25 (D,F,G) H Collingridge 5-7-7 C Hawksley (7) 4

3-1 Moon Spin, 9-2 Princess Hayley, 11-2 Vayavaig, 8-1 others.

6.40 WINTER HILL STAKES SKY
(£10,845: 1m 2f 7yd) (7)

1 5623 YOUNG BUSTER 42 (D,F,G) G Wragg 5-9-10 M Hills 5
2 1111 USAIDIT 29 (D,G,S) T Mills 4-9-7 J Reid 4
3 -131 MACK THE KNIFE 35 (B,C,F,G) W Hern 4-9-4 Paul Eddery 7
4 1012 MUHAYAA 29 (D,G) A Scott 4-9-4 W R Swinburn 2
5 2113 SOURCE OF LIGHT 29 (D,BF,F,S) R Charlton 4-9-0. Pat Eddery 1
6 2224 PORT LUCAYA 14 (B,C,F,G) R Hannon 3-8-13 W Carson 3
7 0413 SEEK THE PEARL 16 (D,F) J Fanshawe 3-8-1 M Roberts 6

9-4 Source of Light, 7-2 Muhayaa, 9-2 Usaidit, 11-2 others.

7.10 STEPPING STONES CONDITIONS STAKES SKY (£3,260: 1m 3f 135yd) (4)

1 12-3 VRATISLAV 12 (C,G) J Gosden 4-9-1 M Roberts 3
2 31 DANISH FORT 9 (G) H Cecil 3-8-7 W Ryan 1
3 -122 TREMOLANDO 35 (BF,F) R Charlton 3-8-7 Pat Eddery 2
4 0046 BASHAYER 17 (BF,F) W Hern 3-8-2 W Carson 4

7-4 Tremolando, 5-2 Bashayer, 100-30 Vratislav, 9-2 Danish Fort.

7.40 HARPOON LOUIE'S LIMITED STAKES SKY (£2,285: 1m 3f 135yd) (5)

1 51/0 CIRCUIT COURT 100 (G) J Jenkins 5-9-7 S Whitworth 5
2 2353 INCHCAILLOCH 12 (F,S) J King 4-9-7 T Quinn 3
3 0-00 KHALIDI 15 (F,G) D Gandolfo 4-9-7 A McGlone 1
4 -541 WINGS COVE 7 (F) Lady Herries 3-8-11 J Williams 4
5 1211 SHIRLEY ROSE 3 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-6 M Roberts 2

8-5 Shirley Rose, 7-4 Wings Cove, 9-2 Inchcailloch, 25-1 others.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

5.25 Well Done Rory. 5.55 Court Rapier. 6.25 Ice Strike. 6.55 The Black Monk. 7.25 Bardesan. 7.55 Lustreman.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.25 EARDISLAND SELLING HURDLE
(£1,521: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1 1-26 WELL DONE RORY 14 (D,BF,F,S) J White 4-11-12 P McLoughlin (7)
2 P35/ LILY SUGARS 570 (B,F) R Juckes 5-11-9 N Juckes (7)
3 F- FEELING FOOLISH 275 B Forsey 4-11-7 I Shoemark
4 DAWN POPPY 18F R Hodges 5-11-4 M A Fitzgerald
5 ALL'A BLAZE 803F R Simpson 4-11-2 D Gallagher
6 053- COOCHIE 23F (B) R Baker 4-11-2 L Harvey
7 0 DOCTOR-J 19 M Hooton-Ellis 3-10-5 S Keightley

2-1 Well Done Rory, 7-2 Coochie, 9-2 Dawn Poppy, 7-1 All'A Blaze, 8-1 others.

5.55 WHITECROSS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,528: 2m 3f) (5)

1 4-6P SAILOR'S DELIGHT 10 (F) Mrs P Jaynes 8-11-10 Mr S Joynes (7)
2 163- CURAHEEN BOY 89 (CD,F,G) C Trietline 13-11-5 Miss J Butler
3 5-11 COURT RAPIER 10 (CD,F,G) R Alner 11-11-5 J R Kavanagh
4 23F- SOCKS DOWNE 149 (G,S) A Chamberlain 14-11-3 B Powell
5 3-F3 MARKET LEADER 14 (CD,F,G) R Lee 13-10-12 L Harvey

4-5 Court Rapier, 4-1 Market Leader, 5-1 Socks Downe, 7-1 others.

6.25 YARSOP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE SKY (£1,480: 2m 1f) (13)

1 1 ICE STRIKE 16 (F) J Hills 4-11-5 A Thornton
2 00-0 ARCTIC LINE 16 (V) J Bradley 5-11-0 R Farrant
3 10- EARLY DRINKER 126 (G) O Sherwood 5-11-0 J McCarthy
4 PP0- FORTINA'S SONG 136 S Griffiths 8-11-0 M Hourigan
5 20/0 HOMILE 2 G Fierro 5-11-0 S Lycett (7)
6 P2-4 JON'S CHOICE 14 (B) B Preece 5-11-0 T Jenks
7 00 THARIF 10 C Popham 5-11-0 N Dowts (7)
8 F0-3 WILL'S BOUNTY 21 (F) J Colston 10-11-0 V Slattery
9 WINGED WHISPER 37F J Pickering 4-10-12 T Eley
10 PRECISION RACER D McCain 5-10-9 D Walsh (3)
11 0 WELL SHOD 21 D Nicholson 5-10-9 W Marston
12 40-2 CLASS ATTRACTION 21 M Pipe 4-10-7 D Richmond
13 GRUBBY 28F R Hollinshead 4-10-7 S Wynne

6-4 Ice Strike, 5-2 Class Attraction, 5-1 Early Drinker, 8-1 Well Shod, 10-1 Jon's Choice, 14-1 Grubby, Will's Bounty, 16-1 others.

6.55 ABERGAVENNY CLAIMING HURDLE SKY (£1,651: 2m 3f 110yd) (6)

1 3F-F LAPIAFFE 14 (F,G,S) A Harrison 9-11-9 S Taylor (7)
2 213- THE BLACK MONK 84 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-9 R Dunwoody
3 0P-4 VIAGGIO 21 (S) J Akehurst 5-11-6 J Osborne
4 112- JOHNSTED 89 (C,G,S) W Clay 7-11-1 Diane Clay
5 3P4- TRENTSIDE VALOUR 19F (V) C Smith 8-10-7 M Ranger
6 00 HATAAL 16 (B) R Juckes 4-10-2 T Wall

4-6 The Black Monk, 3-1 Johnsted, 6-1 Viaggio, 8-1 Lapiaffe, 20-1 others.

7.25 HOLE IN THE WALL NOVICES CHASE SKY (£2,333: 2m) (7)

1 122- BARDESAN 143 (G) O Sherwood 7-11-3 J Osborne
2 6PF- COUNTY CONTRACTOR 108 C Popham 6-11-3 S McNeill
3 P-F5 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 19 D McCain 7-11-3 Mr D McCain (5)
4 30/0 LITTLE THYNE 16 P Pritchard 8-11-3 Dr P Pritchard
5 /PP- PECCAVI 89 V Bishop 9-11-3 —
6 542U WINDSOR PARK 3 (BF,F) K Bridgwater 7-11-3 R Dunwoody
7 06/F MENAGHI 14 D McCain 6-10-12 G Bradley

5-4 Bardesan, 2-1 Windsor Park, 7-1 Crafty Chaplain, 8-1 Menaghi, 10-1 others.

7.55 TARRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,274: 2m 1f) (10)

1 6-2F SALMAN 14 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs V Ward 7-11-10 R Davis (5)
2 F-21 LUSTREMAN 14 (CD,F,G) J Peacock 6-11-5 T Wall
3 1-35 COURT CIRCULAR 14 (V,F,G) W Clay 4-11-3 Diane Clay
4 51-1 MISTER LAWSON 16 (D,F,G) B Forsey 7-11-2 I Shoemark
5 20/0- KING'S RARITY 239 (G) A J Wilson 7-10-8 D Bridgwater
6 408- FAST CRUISE 191 (G,S) E Owen jun 8-10-8 R Bellamy
7 300- MINT-MASTER 262 (F) B Shaw 8-10-8 R Bellamy
8 6-02 ZAMANAYN 21 J Upson 5-10-2 P Maddock (7)
9 308/ FINAL SOUND 490 (B,F) R Baker 8-10-0 R Supple
10 803- SINGING REPLY 16F (F) R Price 5-10-0 L Harvey

3-1 Lustreman, 7-2 Mister Lawson, 5-1 Court Circular, 7-1 Zamanayn, 8-1 others.

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Goodwood spotlight falls on Mistle Cat

Sean Woods explains to Julian Muscat why he is content to allow his striking grey to attract the attention for today's main event



GEOFF ROBINSON

Woods parades his big-race hope, Mistle Cat, in readiness for the Tripleprint Celebration Mile

Sean Woods will be pleased to be told he does not stand out in a crowd. In fact, as he paces his training centre on a routine morning, you would be hard pressed to identify him from the stable lads he employs as the yard's proprietor.

In that sense, Woods and his star miler, Mistle Cat, offer a striking contrast. Mistle Cat cannot help but attract attention: he will be the only grey horse contesting today's feature race, the Tripleprint Celebration Mile at Goodwood.

Woods, on the other hand, will watch quietly as the race unfolds. Win or lose, he will offer his post-race analyses, slip away from the course, and retreat to the sanctuary of his *La Grange* stables in Newmarket. One thing is certain: Mistle Cat's preparation will have been meticulously planned.

That much was evident after Woods, 28, announced today's group two prize as Mistle Cat's principal target as far back as May, when the colt broke his maiden at Newbury. Asked about future races, most trainers would have simply shrugged and dismissed the query, but not Woods. He has always had a game plan.

Ten years ago, as a struggling jump jockey, he quickly accepted he would never make it. So he steered clear of the cavalier spirit of that profession, preferring instead to absorb what knowledge he could for the day he would start training. Remarkably, he wasn't even out of his teens.

One year after making the transition, he talks only of the future. "This is a long-term project," he says from his spartan office overlooking the yard. "We have room for more horses, we have a stud farm six miles from here, and it will be a while before we can get the full benefit from what we are doing.

"The quality of our homebreds is improving fast," he continues. "Among my two-year-olds are a three-parts sister to Tirol and a three-parts brother to Intrepidity, who won the Oaks."

Brothers Wendyll, the stable jockey, and Dwayne, who runs the stud, are also financially committed to the set-up. *La Grange* was ransacked and looted three years ago, when angry stable lads of Geoff Huffer's were abandoned, unpaid, by their Kuwaiti employers embroiled in the Gulf War.

The yard lay derelict for 18 months. Woods's first task, on moving in, was to shift 65 tons of muck and rubble. Appropriately, however, the historic stable was being renovated by a man with considerable family roots in the sport.

Posted to India, Woods's grandfather, an army major, stayed on to dominate the training ranks in that country. He was, as Woods recalled, "the Henry Cecil of India."

It was only when Dwayne broke his back that the family — with Woods aged 15 — returns to England. Lawrence Fawnes, an uncle, has trained with similar distinction in Hong Kong, where Wendyll rode for seven years and from where the nucleus of Woods's owners eminate.

Newmarket's social graces are past over by a man whose formative years in India prompt him to describe some of the towns inhabitants as "much too pompous for my liking." His string is out on the Heath by 5.30am. Part of the reason is the pleasant feeling of solitude Woods gets from a deserted work ground. "I am very much of a loner in this town," he says. "There's a lot of back stabbing here; I don't get involved in the politics. I do things my own way, although I wouldn't describe myself as unconventional. I'm fine as long as I'm left alone."

The Woods way is clearly working. He sits comfortably at La Grange, where, he says, he can feel the call of history bestowed within the walls by trainers like Major Lionel Holliday, Atty Corbett and Dick Hern before him.

Most of all, it is refreshing to hear him talk of his employees. "By far my biggest responsibility is to look after my staff. I'm very conscious that ultimately their future is in my hands." And his in theirs. For as Woods never stops stressing, it is very much a team game at La Grange.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.10 In Like Flynn
2.45 Digpast
3.20 Obvious Risk
3.50 River Boyne
4.20 Kassbaan
4.50 Pageboy
5.25 Ertlon

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Knave's Ash.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.10 PARK LODGE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,077: 6f) (17 runners)

1 (14) BIX (A Snipe) M Leach 9-0 ... S D Williams (3) –
2 (4) BRUZ (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks –
3 (11) CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN (J Stone) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
4 (7) DOUBLE DIP (Mrs J Mazza) D Morley 9-0 ... S Whitworth –
5 (10) 04 HIGH HOLME 22 (V) (J Ashurst) D Thom 9-0 ... N Day 78
6 (16) 22 IN LIKE FLYNN 47 (BF) (M Mazzon) R Hannon 9-0 ... M Hills ■
7 (17) LITTLE IBNR (R Carroll) N Callaghan 9-0 ... M Wigham –
8 (2) SALT LAKE (Lord Tavistock) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... P Robinson –
9 (15) SHAMARDAL (Mrs C Mezza) B Hanbury 9-0 ... K Fallon –
10 (12) 00 TANBIH 43 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 ... J Williams 86
11 (9) TATAMI (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
12 (5) TORTUGA (P Goulandris) J Gosden 9-0 ... J Carroll –
13 (6) TRINITY HOUSE (R Hollingsworth) N Graham 9-0 ... A Munro –
14 (9) WATANI (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Hills –
15 (1) SPARKLING LYRIC (N Yong) M Jarvis 8-9 ... K Rutter (5) –
16 (3) STORM NYMPH (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... W R Swinburn –
17 (13) TRUTH MOUNTAIN (Mrs A Upsdell) C Allen 8-9 ... W Hood –

BETTING: 3-1 In Like Flynn, 9-2 Tatami, 5-1 Tortuga, 7-1 Chieftain's Crown, 8-1 Shamardal, 10-1 Tanbih, 12-1 Watani, 14-1 Storm Nymph, 16-1 others.

1992: INCHINOR 9-0 T Quinn (12-1) R Charlton 13 ran

2.45 LONSDALE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,142: 7f) (14 runners)

1 (7) 600605 DIGPAST 10 (B,D,G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 9-4 ... D Harrison (3) 90
2 (6) 145626 KING PARIS 8 (CD,F,G) (Mrs P Karpidas) M Bell 9-4 ... M Hills ■
3 (15) 52-0305 PISTON 9 (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 96
4 (10) 60015 FUCHU 31 (D,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 8-10 ... A Munro 93
5 (12) 442600 ARAWA 144 (M Turner) D Marks 8-7 ... K Fallon 71
6 (9) 242143 PERDITION 33 (D,F) (The Losers Owners Group) J Hills 8-7 ... R Hills 95
7 (5) 520500 EXPRESS MARIECURIE 123 (G) Mrs N Macauley 8-4 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 91
8 (3) 04 PEA FORTY FIVE 22 (A Putland) K Morgan 8-4 ... A Proud –
9 (14) 50-1644 TRIANGLEPOINT 38 (B,G) (S Meacock) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-1 ... P Robinson 93
10 (1) 900 EASTERN CHARLY 3 (R Guest) R Guest 8-0 ... C Hawksley (7) 80
11 (8) 00 VICTORIAS PASSION 14 (Claremont Services) J Glover 7-12 ... A Mackay 93
12 (11) 000005 CIZARD 36 (A Laundon) A Potts 7-9 ... N Kennedy (3) 73
13 (2) 000-030 DANCING DIAMOND 35 (The Equema Partnership) C Wall 7-9 ... Dale Gibson 87
14 (4) 40-0000 LADY RELKO 85 (W Packham) R Voorspuy 7-9 ... G Bardwell 84

BETTING: 4-1 Digpast, 5-1 King Paris, 6-1 Fuchu, 7-1 Perdition, 8-1 Piston, Trianglepoint, 12-1 Victorias Passion, 14-1 Express Mariecurie, 16-1 others.

1992: TEMPLE KNIGHT 3-9-2 D Biggs (25-1) C Cyzer 9 ran

3.20 BOADICEA NURSERY HANDICAP — C4
(2-Y-O: £15,010: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (9) 33613 BASKERVILLE 9 (F) (Exors Mrs J de Rothschild) R J Houghton 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 92
2 (10) 415 KISSININTHEBACKROW 18 (D,F) (C Wright) J Hills 9-6 ... R Hills 89
3 (4) 132 KNAYTON LASS 7 (F) (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 9-5 ... L Newton (5) 91
4 (6) 315246 ROYAL INSIGNIA 22 (S) (F Salman) M Bell 9-3 ... A Munro 93
5 (1) 641 KNAVE'S ASH 12 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-2 ... W R Swinburn 89
6 (3) 40335 OBVIOUS RISK 11 (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 ... R Cochrane 94
7 (5) 410 BEATS WORKING 15 (F) (M Charlton) Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 ... K Fallon ■
8 (7) 136113 JIMMY THE SKUNK 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Abell) J Berry 8-9 ... J Carroll 98
9 (8) 632013 THE MULTIYORKER 28 (F) (Multyork Ltd) M Tompkins 8-8 ... P Robinson 92
10 (2) 400416 LADY PHYL 11 (D,G) (Newark Builders Ltd) B Meehan 8-6 ... S Whitworth 98

BETTING: 4-1 Obvious Risk, 5-1 Knave's Ash, Beats Working, 6-1 Jimmy The Skunk, 7-1 The Multiyorker, 8-1 Knayton Lass, 10-1 Baskerville, 12-1 Royal Insignia, 12-1 Kissininthebackrow, 14-1 Lady Phyl.

1992: FALSOOLA 8-13 M Roberts (9-1) M Stoute 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNAYTON LASS 1½l 2nd of 8 to Randonneur in a conditions race at Ripon (6f, good to firm). ROYAL INSIGNIA 4½l 4th of 8 to Nightitude in a handicap at York (5f, good to firm) with JIMMY THE SKUNK (1lb worse off) around 3l 6th.
KNAVE'S ASH beat Jettou 3½l in an 8-runner maiden at Hamilton (6f, good). OBVIOUS RISK 9¾l 5th of 15 to Call To Mind in a handicap at York (7f, good to soft) with LADY PHYL (same terms) 2½l 6th. BEATS WORKING beat General Gubbins 2½l in a 13-runner maiden at Thirsk (5f, firm) on penultimate start. JIMMY THE SKUNK beat Miss Mah-Jong head in a 10-runner handicap at Catterick (6f, good) on penultimate start.
LADY PHYL beat Vercengetorix ½l in a 10-runner handicap at Kempton (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: LADY PHYL

3.50 DANEPAK BACON RATED HANDICAP — C4
(£9,472: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 (2) 356012 RAMBO'S HALL 70 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Dixon) J Glover 8-9-7 ... S D Williams (3) 94
2 (7) 0-22038 MIZAAYA 10 (F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-6 ... W R Swinburn 95
3 (8) 20-2205 DUKE OF EUROLINK 29 (CD,F,G) (Eurolink Group Plc) L Cumani 4-9-5 ... R Cochrane 95
4 (1) 4-12412 LUCKY GUEST 35 (D,F,G,S) (Windflower Overseas Inc) J Dunlop 6-9-4 ... M Hills 93
5 (5) 4-121 RIVER BOYNE 7 (D,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-9 ... Paul Eddery 92
6 (9) 01-2004 HOST 56 (D,F,S) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-7 ... J Carroll 88
7 (3) 21360- PREVENE 301 (C,F) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-3 ... A Munro 92
8 (10) 440433 SHARJAH 15 (S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-8-1 ... P Robinson 96
9 (4) 1-55265 JACKPOT STAR 30 (S) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 3-7-13 ... G Bardwell ■
10 (6) 20-210 BLACK DRAGON 72 (D,BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-7-13 ... D Harrison (3) 95

Long handicap: (Minimum weight 4yo+ 8-7, 3yo 7-13) Host 8-4, Jackpot Star 7-11, Black Dragon 7-10

BETTING: 7-2 River Boyne, 9-2 Duke Of Eurolink, 5-1 Mizaaya, 6-1 Lucky Guest, 8-1 Black Dragon, Sharjah, 10-1 Host, 12-1 Jackpot Star, Rambo's Hall, 16-1 Prevene.

1992: MAMDOOH 3-8-11 M Roberts (11-2) A Stewart 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MIZAAYA 10¼l 6th of 13 to Stoney Valley in a handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd). DUKE OF EUROLINK 3¾l 5th of 12 to Usaidit in a listed handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft). LUCKY GUEST 6¾l 4th of 14 to River North in a handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good) with RAMBO'S HALL (1lb worse off) 4½l 7th. RIVER BOYNE beat Gilderdale 2½l in a 17-runner amateur riders' conditions race at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm).
PREVENE about 9l 6th of 9 to Visto Si Stampi in a conditions race at Haydock (1m, soft) on penultimate start in September. SHARJAH neck and ¾l 3rd of 15 to Forthwith in a handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good). JACKPOT STAR about 19l 5th of 8 to Azhar in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good)
Selection: SHARJAH

4.20 MULTIYORK HANDICAP — C4
(3-Y-O: £6,165: 7f) (13 runners)

1 (13) 113-350 SHIRO 12 (F,S) (S Manana) R Williams 9-7 ... R Cochrane 92
2 (5) 002101 KASSBAAN 8 (C,D,F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-6 ... W R Swinburn 95
3 (2) 150512 AL MOULOUKI 24 (D,BF,F,S) (G Jabre) J Payne 9-2 ... R Cochrane 91
4 (12) 21-30 DIXIELAND MELODY 36 (F) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 9-1 ... R Hills 88
5 (6) 110222 FIELD OF VISION 27 (D,F) (R Huggins) M Johnston 9-0 ... T Williams 91
6 (10) 023233 THE SHARP BIDDER 8 (G) (Mrs R Heathcote) R Hollinshead 8-12 ... S Perks 85
7 (9) 460405 SPARK 8 (F) (C C Elsey) W Elsey 8-12 ... J Carroll 91
8 (11) 210620 SIMPLY FINESSE 30 (D,BF,F) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11 ... A Munro ■
9 (4) 030345 CHILI HEIGHTS 15 (V,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 8-10 ... J Williams 92
10 (1) 242132 CROIRE 19 (D,BF,S) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 8-9 ... M Hills 92
11 (8) 40-0615 ROYAL ROLLER 23 (BF,F) (J Oliver) P McBride 8-9 ... G Forster (7) 89
12 (7) 310530 PRAIRIE GROVE 17 (D,G,S) (G Gleadell) R Hannon 8-1 ... G Bardwell 95
13 (3) 0-00300 BALLON 48 (C Brittain) C Brittain 7-12 ... Dale Gibson 94

BETTING: 4-1 Kassbaan, 6-1 Prairie Grove, 7-1 Al Moulouki, 8-1 Field Of Vision, 10-1 Croire, 12-1 Shiro, The Sharp Bidder, Chili Heights, 14-1 others.

1992: STANI 3-8-5 W Ryan (6-1) B Hanbury 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHIRO 6½l 3rd of 6 to Catrail in a conditions race at Leicester (7f, good) in June. KASSBAAN beat American Swinger ¾l in a 17-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm). Earlier beat Ajmaan 2½l in a 8-runner handicap here (1m, good) with PRAIRIE GROVE (16lb better off) 2½l 3rd.
AL MOULOUKI beat FIELD OF VISION (3lb better off) 1½l in a 13-runner handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start with CHILI HEIGHTS (10lb better off) 2l 4th and SIMPLY FINESSE (11lb better off) distant 12th. THE SHARP BIDDER 8½l 3rd of 9 to Palacegate Touch in a handicap at Chester (7f, good to soft) with SPARK (3lb worse off) ¾l 5th. Earlier ½l 2nd of 11 to For The Present in a handicap at Ripon (6f, good) with BALLON (13lb better off) 6l 3rd.
SIMPLY FINESSE ½l 2nd of 15 to Fourforfun in a handicap at Sandown (7f, soft) with CHILI HEIGHTS (3lb worse off) 6l 3rd. CROIRE ¾l 2nd of 6 to He's A King in a handicap at Leicester (1m, good to firm).
Selection: PRAIRIE GROVE

4.50 LAGRANGE HANDICAP (£5,427: 5f) (18 runners) — C4

1 (16) 5000-31 GIPSY FIDDLER 18 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Beighton) J Glover 5-9-13 ... S D Williams (3) 90
2 (7) 261006 EAGER DEVA 35 (D,F,G) (Mrs E Faulkner) R Hollinshead 6-9-12 ... L Aspell (7) 92
3 (12) 342400 TROON 14 (D,F) (T Hirschfeld) Mrs L Piggott 3-9-10 ... G Milligan (7) 98
4 (4) 2-34354 MISTERTOPOGIGO 10 (D,F) (G Alessi) B Beasley 3-9-9 ... A Munro 96
5 (18) 211260 MACS MAHARANEE 11 (D,F,G) (J Martin) P Felgate 6-9-7 ... G Hind 96
6 (2) 005105 FOOD OF LOVE 2 (D,BF,F,G) (J Abell) J Wharton 5-9-6 ... J Williams 98
7 (17) 202543 METAL BOYS 7 (CD,F,G) (R Wilkinson) Miss L Siddall 6-9-5 ... K Rutter (5) ■
8 (14) 460011 HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 14 (D,F,G) (P Dodd) J Berry 5-8-13 ... J Carroll 97
9 (15) 520104 NED'S BONANZA 35 (CD,F) (N Jones) M Dods 4-8-13 ... R Cochrane 97
10 (5) 460201 PALLIUM 10 (D,F,G) (W Kelly) M Naughton 5-8-11 ... A Culhane 94
11 (11) 505001 EDUCATED PET 8 (CD,F,G,S) (B Morgan) M Johnston 4-8-11 ... R Hills 96
12 (10) 025213 CALL TO THE BAR 14 (D,F,G) (Trow Lane Farm) M McCormack 4-8-9 ... K Fallon 98
13 (6) 442543 PEERAGE PRINCE 1 (B,D,F,G) (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 4-8-7 ... N Kennedy (3) 97
14 (8) 005320 PRINCESS OBERON 14 (D,F) (R Michaelson) M Bell 3-8-6 ... M Hills 96
15 (13) 160460 FIGHTER SQUADRON 21 (D,F,G) (Claremont) J Glover 4-8-5 ... P Robinson 98
16 (9) 251000 PAGEBOY 10 (D,F) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 4-8-0 ... Dale Gibson 98
17 (3) 001563 STORMY HEIGHTS 18 (B,D,F) (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 3-7-13 ... T Wilson 96
18 (1) 0-26614 JESS REBEC 7 (D,F) (Byron J Stokes) J Banks 5-7-11 ... G Bardwell 96

BETTING: 7-1 Heaven-Liegh-Grey, 8-1 Metal Boys, Ned's Bonanza, 9-1 Educated Pet, 10-1 Pallium, Pageboy, 12-1 Food Of Love, Princess Oberon, 14-1 Jess Rebec, 16-1 others.

1992: INHERENT MAGIC 3-9-0 M Roberts (9-1) M McCormack 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GIPSY FIDDLER beat Drum Sergeant 1½l in a 5-runner claimer at Catterick (5f, good). MISTERTOPOGIGO ½l 4th of 15 to In Case in a handicap at York (5f, good). FOOD OF LOVE 2¾l 5th of 9 to Artistic Reef in a stakes race at Lingfield (5f, good). METAL BOYS short head and neck 3rd to Gorinsky in a handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm) PALLIUM beat Followmegirls 1½l in 16-runner Carlisle handicap (5f, good to firm) with PAGEBOY 9¾l 13th (5lb better off). CALL TO THE BAR beat Aragrove 1½l in 9-runner Bath handicap (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PEERAGE PRINCE (3rd here yesterday) 2¼l 4th to How's Yer Father in York handicap (6f, good to soft) with MACS MAHARANEE 2¾l 9th (same terms).
Selection: PALLIUM

5.25 STANLEY HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,915: 1m) (13 runners)

1 (6) 0/ DARINGLY 683 (Albury Racing Ltd) J McConnochie 4-9-3 ... A Culhane –
2 (5) -5-0 QUEST FOR THE BEST 54 (E Kessly) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-12 ... P Robinson –
3 (13) BIDDER (A Snipe) M Leach 3-8-11 ... S D Williams (3) –
4 (3) 0-4 CHUMMY'S SAGA 49 (B Hills) B Hills 3-8-11 ... R Cochrane 83
5 (2) 400020 ERTLON 17 (C Brittain) C Brittain 3-8-11 ... G Bardwell ■
6 (4) 6 FLINTLOCK 7 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-11 ... G Hind 78
7 (11) 3- LABUDD 294 (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-11 ... R Hills 84
8 (10) 00 REMEMBER THIS 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-11 ... Dale Gibson –
9 (8) 0052-46 SEA BARON 113 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 3-8-11 ... A Munro 77
10 (1) 50 WORDS OF WISDOM 7 (M Morrison) C Cyzer 3-8-11 ... M Wigham 91
11 (7) CAMPANA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-6 ... J Carroll –
12 (9) 46 KEYLOCK 7 (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 3-8-6 ... K Rutter (5) 86
13 (12) 6-4 POCKET PIECE 7 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-6 ... K Fallon 97

BETTING: 3-1 Ertlon, 4-1 Pocket Piece, 5-1 Labudd, 7-1 Chummy's Saga, 8-1 Flintlock, Words Of Wisdom, 12-1 Campana, 14-1 Keylock, 33-1 others.

1992: TALB 3-9-0 T Quinn (7-4) J Dunlop 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Stoute	50	276	18.1	R Perham	7	32	21.9
P Cole	19	106	17.9	W R Swinburn	62	381	16.3
J Gosden	39	227	17.2	M Hills	35	249	14.1
J Fanshawe	16	96	16.7	L Newton	4	35	11.1
J Glover	3	19	15.8	J Carroll	7	64	10.9
L Cumani	51	333	15.3	R Cochrane	40	381	10.5

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.00 Urgent Request
2.30 Jobie
3.10 Inchinor
3.40 Glen Echo
4.15 TYCHONIC (nap)
4.45 Zama
5.15 Noriski'maringer

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.45 Zama.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 INCHINOR.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES — SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 SPORT ON 5 MARCH STAKES — BBC1
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £9,894: 1m 6f) (4 runners)

101 (4) 1-2 AZILIAN 19 (V,BF,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 99
102 (3) 21-4304 SHAIBA 15 (G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ... M Roberts ■
103 (2) 126-1 URGENT REQUEST 52 (F,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 ... D Holland 97
104 (1) 2-23321 TOCHAR BAN 28 (F) (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 8-6 ... W Carson 91

BETTING: 7-4 Urgent Request, 5-2 Azilian, 11-4 Tochar Ban, 4-1 Shaiba.

1992: RAIN RIDER 9-1 W Carson (11-10 fav) J Dunlop 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AZILIAN 1½l 2nd of 5 to Tomos in conditions race at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). SHAIBA 6l 4th of 7 to Prince Di Andros in conditions race at Newbury (1m 4f, good) URGENT REQUEST beat Double Bass 4l in conditions race at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, firm). TOCHAR BAN beat Winter Forest head in maiden at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: URGENT REQUEST

2.30 LADBROKE RACING SPRINT HANDICAP — BBC1
(£14,655: 6f) (17 runners)

201 (11) 453056 VENTURE CAPITALIST 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Harris) R Hannon 4-10-0 ... Pat Eddery 98
202 (13) 031303 MASTER PLANNER 7 (D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-13 ... J D Smith (7) 98
203 (7) 020200 PADDY CHALK 14 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 7-9-9 ... J Reid 86
204 (6) 001231 HOW'S YER FATHER 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Unity Farm) R Hodges 7-9-8 ... S Drowne (7) 96
205 (8) 303803 MARGARET'S GIFT 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs T Holdcroft) J Berry 3-9-6 ... D Holland 95
206 (2) 011112 SAMSOLOM 7 (D,F,G) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 5-9-4 ... J Quinn 98
207 (15) 006240 AUGHFAD 14 (V,CD,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 7-9-3 ... W Ryan 95
208 (3) 240034 YAKIN 16 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-3 ... W Carson 94
209 (9) 531033 BODARI 8 (C,BF,F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-9-0 ... M Roberts 94
210 (12) 341050 FASCINATION WALTZ 15 (D,F,G,S) (F Havercroft) D Shaw 6-8-13 ... A Procter (5) 97
211 (4) 30-0240 DARK EYED LADY 15 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Gutkin) D Arbuthnot 3-8-12 ... T Quinn ■
212 (17) 520340 MASNUN 28 (CD,F,G,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 8-8-9 ... D Biggs 92
213 (1) 300045 ASSIGNMENT 23 (CD,F,G) (A Gorrie) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-8-8 ... A McGlone 90
214 (5) 013211 MY RUBY RING 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 6-8-7 ... Stephen Davies (3) 91
215 (10) 500160 JOBIE 10 (D,G) (J Redmond) W Haggas 3-8-6 ... W Woods 95
216 (14) 041040 CAROMISH 15 (CD,F,G,S) (M Usher) M Usher 6-7-10 ... N Adams 92
217 (16) 005222 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 10 (D,F,G) (Exors of Mr J Martin) Mrs A King 4-7-9 ... S Dawson 94

BETTING: 11-2 How's Yer Father, 6-1 Samsolom, 7-1 Master Planner, My Ruby Ring, Margaret's Gift, 8-1 Bodari, 10-1 Paddy Chalk, Venture Capitalist, 12-1 Aughfad, Jobie, 14-1 others.

1992: SO RHYTHMICAL 8-8-8 W Carson (8-1) G Eden 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOW'S YER FATHER beat Deel 2l in 23-runner handicap at York (6f, good to soft) with MARGARET'S GIFT (5lb better off) short-head 3rd and MASTER PLANNER (6lb better off) 5l 10th. Previously 1¾l 3rd of 29 in valuable handicap over course and distance (good to soft) with VENTURE CAPITALIST (11lb better off) 1½l 5th, PADDY CHALK (10lb better off) 2¼l 11th and MASNUN (12lb better off) 3¾l 14th. SAMSOLOM 1l 2nd of 23 to Hard To Figure in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm) with MASTER PLANNER (2lb better off) ½l 3rd. BODARI 1¾l 3rd of 13 to Educated Pet in handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm). MY RUBY RING beat Miss Whittingham 2l in 7-runner handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). FOLLOWMEGIRLS 1½l 2nd of 16 to Pallium in handicap at Carlisle (5f, good to firm).
Selection: FOLLOWMEGIRLS

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT CELEBRATION MILE — BBC1
(Group II: £36,223: 1m) (6 runners)

301 (5) 116423 SWING LOW 15 (D,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 4-9-3 ... J Reid 93
302 (1) 1-10352 EMPEROR JONES 35 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-8 ... Pat Eddery 91
303 (4) 21-214 GABR 15 (CD,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-8 ... W Carson 90
304 (6) 1-12 HALF TERM 33 (C,BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-8 ... M Roberts 93
305 (3) 2-16131 INCHINOR 15 (F,G,S) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) R Charlton 3-8-8 ... T Quinn ■
306 (2) 21124 MISTLE CAT 35 (D,G) (P L Chu) S Woods 3-8-8 ... W Woods 90

BETTING: 9-4 Inchinor, 7-2 Emperor Jones, 4-1 Half Term, Swing Low, 11-2 Mistle Cat, Gabr.

1992: SELKIRK 4-9-3 R Cochrane (1-2 fav) I Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMPEROR JONES ¾l 2nd of 10 to Astair in group II Prix Daphnis at Evry (1m 2f, good) with MISTLE CAT (3lb worse off) two necks 4th. HALF TERM short-head 2nd of 9 to Eurolink Thunder in group III Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). INCHINOR beat Wolfhound short-head in 13-runner group II Hungerford Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good) with SWING LOW (4lb worse off) 2l 3rd and GABR (3lb worse off) ½l 4th. Earlier beat MISTLE CAT (5lb worse off) ½l in group III Criterion Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
Selection: INCHINOR (nap)

3.40 RICHMOND-BRISSAC TROPHY HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £3,687: 1m 1f) (9 runners)

401 (5) 1-65241 BATTLE COLOURS 17 (F,G) (G Insoll) M Prescott 4-11-10 ... S Swiers 89
402 (9) 003520 TALENT 32 (V,C,F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-11-9 ... L Urbano 94
403 (8) 331322 GILDERDALE 7 (CD,F,G) (Abbott Racing Partners) J Hills 11-11-0 ... C Vigors ■
404 (6) 5-0410 GLEN ECHO 72 (S) (S Cohn) G Harwood 3-10-13 ... J Durkan 91
405 (2) 425140 WALKING THE PLANK 32 (V,F,G) (M White) P Walwyn 4-10-11 ... P MacEwan 85
406 (3) 102200 AKKAZAO 17 (CD,BF,F) (J Humphreys Ltd) T Mills 5-10-9 ... K Santana 98
407 (1) 552301 JAHANGIR 10 (C,F,G,S) (S Maclarens) B Hanbury 4-10-8 ... F Grasso Caprioli 98
408 (4) 630323 CREDIT SQUEEZE 7 (F) R Johnson Houghton 3-10-6 ... G Johnson Houghton 96
409 (7) 224401 DANCING BEAU 17 (F,G) (L Lazarus) S Dow 4-9-7 ... T Cuff 91

Long handicap: Dancing Beau 9-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Jahangir, 4-1 Gilderdale, 5-1 Walking The Plank, Credit Squeeze, 13-2 Glen Echo, 7-1 Battle Colours, 8-1 Dancing Beau.

1992: SURREY DANCER 4-10-13 (F Grasso Caprioli) 9-2 B Hanbury 10 ran

4.15 CHICHESTER OBSERVER HANDICAP (£6,419: 7f) (9 runners)

501 (1) 0-20032 KAYVEE 14 (F) (D) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 4-9-7 ... W Carson 97
502 (9) 300000 SON PARDO 15 (C,F,G,S) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 3-9-5 ... M Roberts 91
503 (2) 446004 SUNDAY'S HILL 14 (B,F,G) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 4-9-2 ... J Quinn 95
504 (8) 250360 YOUNG ERN 14 (F,S) (M Kentish) S Dow 3-8-11 ... T Quinn 97
505 (6) 621501 CORALS DREAM 8 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Hamson) C Wall 4-8-9 ... W Woods 96
506 (4) 640013 NO RESERVATIONS 14 (D,F,G,S) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-7 ... J Reid 95
507 (7) 0-05000 NOBLE PET 36 (D,S) (A Schiff) P Makin 4-8-7 ... W Ryan ■
508 (3) 1-31323 TYCHONIC 51 (D,BF,F,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-4 ... Pat Eddery 97
509 (5) 5-21100 FAIRY STORY 30 (D,F,G) (The Fairy Story Partnership) J Hills 3-8-2 ... D Holland 91

BETTING: 3-1 Corals Dream, 7-2 Tychonic, 9-2 Kayvee, 6-1 No Reservations, Sunday's Hill, 7-1 Young Ern, 10-1 others.

1992: DARAKAH 5-8-5 A Clark (8-1) C Hill 19 ran

4.45 EBF SOLENT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £5,127: 7f) (11 runners)

601 (6) 80 BE EXCITING 19 (BF) (Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd) J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Carson 85
602 (9) 0 BELLA RAGAZZA 15 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-11 ... Mark Denaro (7) 83
603 (3) BEWAILS (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 8-11 ... A McGlone –
604 (5) 54 GIFT BOX 78 (Mrs P Sheen) D Elsworth 8-11 ... A Procter (5) ■
605 (2) 0 LIMOSA 58 (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ... J Quinn 88
606 (1) LUANA (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11 ... M Roberts –
607 (4) REGAL PURSUIT (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 8-11 ... W Woods –
608 (7) 63 SOOLAIMON 44 (BF) (Mrs S Thomas) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... J Reid 92
609 (8) STATE CRYSTAL (M Poland) H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan –
610 (10) WIND IN HER HAIR (The Racing Club Ltd) J Hills 8-11 ... D Holland –
611 (11) ZAMA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ... Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 2-1 State Crystal, 11-4 Zama, 4-1 Gift Box, 13-2 Luana, 8-1 Bella Ragazza, 10-1 Bewails, 14-1 Wind In Her Hair, 16-1 others.

1992: WOOTTON RIVERS 9-0 Paul Eddery (100-30) P Chapple-Hyam 11 ran

5.15 PILLEY GREEN NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,525: 6f) (5 runners)

1 (5) 4133 THATCHERELLA 116 (G) (G Mortimer) J Akehurst 9-7 ... D Biggs 84
2 (3) 02032 RAJMAPATA 21 (P Green) R Hannon 9-5 ... Mark Denaro (7) 92
3 (2) 0001 NORISKI'MARINGER 14 (D,G) (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 8-8 ... Pat Eddery ■
4 (4) 400055 STRAPPED 7 (M Watson) M Channon 8-0 ... N Adams 92
5 (1) 05646 SON OF HADEER 24 (Mrs J Khan) P Howling 7-10 ... J Quinn 94

BETTING: 9-4 Noriski'maringer, 5-2 Thatcherella, 11-4 Rajmapata, 7-1 Strapped, 8-1 Son Of Hadeer.

1992: KATIBA 9-6 W Carson (5-4 fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	25	78	32.1	D Holland	15	68	22.1
T Casey	5	16	31.3	Pat Eddery	50	242	20.7
R Charlton	7	29	24.1	W Carson	49	269	18.2
R Armstrong	5	21	23.8	J Reid	34	198	17.2
D Wilson	11	47	23.4	M Roberts	24	176	13.6
J Gosden	16	76	21.1	W Ryan	8	66	12.1

Margaret's Gift has lenient sprint mark

GOODWOOD
BBC1

2.00: Urgent Request may be good enough to land a poor contest. Barry Hills's colt has some decent juvenile form, and his Bath victory last time was encouraging. Azilian's colours were lowered on his seasonal debut three weeks ago, but he may still prove better than Shaiba.

2.30: How's Yer Father came good at York after a fine third in the Stewards' Cup over this course and distance. He has risen 6lb for his efforts, however, and **Margaret's Gift** is preferred. Jack Berry's filly, third at York, is 5lb better off with How's Yer Father. Master Planner, Sam Solin and Bodari all have claims.

3.10: Inchinor will take all the beating. He holds Mistle Cat on earlier Newmarket form, and had Swing Low and Gabr behind when winning at Newbury last time. Emperor Jones may not be best suited to dropping back to a mile.

NEWMARKET
C4

3.20: Knave's Ash turned in an improved performance at Hamilton last time and can go in again here. He looks reasonably handicapped. Jimmy The Skunk, on the other hand, *is in the handicapper's grip*, a remark that also applies to Baskerville.

3.50 **Black Dragon** has some good efforts to his name and he takes the eye. He could not justify favouritism in a Royal Ascot handicap on soft ground, but before that he took the scalp of Winged Victory at Sandown. River Boyne looks harshly treated, as does Rambo's Hall.

4.20: Walter Swinburn rode a fine race on **Kassbaan** to win at Sandown last time and the combination can defy a 6lb rise. Chili Heights comes out best at the weights on his running with Al Moulouki and Field Of Vision at Goodwood last month.

4.50: Jeremy Glover does well with horses like Gypsy Fiddler, a comfortable winner at Catterick recently. However, the 15lb he has to give to **Educated Pet** looks too much. Mark Johnstone's gelding, a course and distance winner, is not harshly treated for his Sandown victory, and the likely strong pace should suit him.

JULIAN MUSCAT

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Glatisant fails to impress

GLATISANT, trained by Geoff Wragg, retained her unbeaten record at Goodwood yesterday, but failed to enhance her reputation.

Sent off the 2-1 on favourite, she mastered Wild Planet in the last 50 yards of the Butlin's Southcoast World Prestige Stakes to win by a head. Ladbrokes were not impressed, pushing the winner's 1,000 Guineas odds out to 25-1 from 12-1. Hills kept her at 12-1 for the classic.

"It was too close for comfort," Wragg said. "She will come on a ton for the race. She is still very green."

☐ Karinga Bay gained his fourth group race success in Germany yesterday when winning the Spreti-Rennen at Baden-Baden. The six-year-old beat Sugunas by half-a-length.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Chepstow, Epsom, Newcastle, Ripon, Warwick, Yarmouth, Cartmel, Huntingdon, Newton Abbot, Plumpton, Southwell.
TUESDAY: Epsom, Ripon.
WEDNESDAY: York, Fontwell, Newton Abbot.
THURSDAY: York, Salisbury, Yarmouth.
FRIDAY: Haydock, Kempton Park, Sedgefield.
SATURDAY: Haydock, Kempton Park, Thirsk, Stratford.
(Flat meetings in bold)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Goodwood

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.10 (5f) 1, CHOIR PRACTICE (Sally Radford-Howes, 8-1); 2, Aberlady (K Rutter, 5-1 fav); 3, Batchworth Bound (A Daly, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Treasure Time, Belmont Princess, 10 Go Flightline (4th), 12 Pat Poindestres, Castle Maid, 16 Coconut Johnny, Serious Hurry, Banbury Flyer, Ski Captain, 20 Dal Miss, 25 Tee-Emm (5th), 50 Distant Dynasty (6th). 15 ran. 1½l, 1l, 3½l, sh hd, nk. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £8.40; £2.50, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £10.30. CSF: £44.22. Tricast: £221.35. 58.36sec.

2.40 (1m) 1, FOURFORFUN (B Raymond, 15-2); 2, Aweastrike (Paul Eddery, 4-1 fav); 3, Naif (R Cochrane, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Beltry Green (5th), 8 Polar Storm, 10 Clouded Elegance, 12 Wahem, 14 Caretaman (4th), Dusosky, Knobbleeneeze, 16 Sharaar, 20 Wisham (6th), Norfolk Hero, Seasonal Splendour, 33 Pistol. 15 ran. ¾l, 1l, 1½l, sh hd, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £8.40; £2.40, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £17.00. Trio: £20.40. CSF: £35.95. Tricast: £258.38. 1min 38.41sec.

3.10 (7f) 1, GLATISANT (M Hills, 1-2 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Wild Planet (C Asmussen, 4-1); 3, Spot Prize (R Cochrane, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Mild Rebuke (4th), 20 Song Of Years (5th), 25 Great Triviality (6th). 6 ran. Hd, 1¾l, 1l, 5l, 12l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.68. 1min 26.14sec.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, GENERAL MOUKTAR (C Asmussen, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Al Senafi (R Cochrane, 5-1 jt-fav); 3, Prince Hannibal (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Hard Task, 11-2 Kimberley Boy, 7 El Volador, 12 Cromarty (6th), 14 Almamzar (4th), 16 Day Of History (5th), Marcus Mill, Robenko. 11 ran. 2l, nk, 2l, 2½l, nk. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £2.30, £3.20. DF: £11.20. Trio: £38.10. CSF: £28.37. Tricast: £220.41. 2min 35.36sec.

4.10 (1m 2f) 1, BROUGHTONS FORMULA (D McCabe, 14-1); 2, Tropical Jungle (J D Smith, 10-1); 3, Aberdeen Heather (C Asmussen, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Sloe Brandy, 6 Legal Artist (5th), 8 Melzeta (6th), Complete Madness, 10 Lochore, 11 Medland, 12 Daring King (4th), 14 Morstock. 11 ran. 2l, 2½l, hd, ½l, ¾l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £24.50; £6.80, £2.00, £2.70. DF: £113.80. Trio: £347.10. CSF: £130.04. Tricast: £1,568.31. 2min 09.69sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (6f) 1, ARNDILLY (C Asmussen, 5-2 fav); 2, Storm Ship (B Raymond, 12-1); 3, Merlin's Field (L Dettori, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Judge Dread, 8 Platini, 10 Smooth Hound, 12 Southern Ridge, 14 Nordance Prince, 20 Kelahi (5th), Pappa's Pet, 25 Co Pilot (4th), Billie Grey (6th), Cure Crusader, 33 Ballymorris, 50 Rocketine, Mazzrah, Greatest Hopes, Gold'n Shroud, Nothing To Wear. 19 ran. NR: Paddy's Rice. Hd, 1½l, sh hd, ½l, ½l. C Egerton at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £5.70, £2.30. DF: £30.40. CSF: £33.32. 1min 12.50sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.20 (1m 2f) 1, WINTER FOREST (A McGlone, 5-2 fav); 2, Damary (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Cuff Link (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Toujours Riviera (4th), Peaches Polly (5th), 10 Like The Sun, 12 Bomblet, 14 Arvola, 16 Dark Den (6th), 20 Admiral's Well, Old Red, Sword Sail, 25 Wely, 50 Maeshai Lawn, Seattle Affair, Dinner At Eight. 16 ran. NR: Yellow Rattle. 1½l, 6l, 7l, ½l, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £4.60, £3.60. DF: £40.70. CSF: £24.27. 2min 8.69sec.

Jackpot: £45,984.70.
Placepot: £34.00.

Newmarket

Going: good

2.00 (7f) 1, Blowing (Gaye Harwood, 33-1); 2, Dead Calm (20-1); 3, Our Shadee (16-1); 4, Clear Look (15-1). Fivefive 10-1 jt-fav. 20 ran. NR: Workingforpeanuts. 2½l, ½l. G Harwood. Tote: £127.20; £20.80, £4.70, £7.50, £3.70. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £9.70. CSF: £571.76. Tricast: £9,435.23.

2.35 (7f) 1, Innishowen (Pat Eddery, 100-30 fav); 2, Florid (7-2); 3, Tree Of Heaven (33-1). 28 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.80; £1.80, £1.80, £11.50. DF: £8.10. CSF: £16.53. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.05 (6f) 1, General John (C Adamson, 33-1); 2, Great Hall (10-1); 3, Peerage Prince (7-1); 4, Petraco (14-1). Roca Murada 11-2 fav. 18 ran. 1½l, hd. P Haslam. Tote: £53.70; £10.10, £2.20, £2.00, £5.60. DF: £1,019.20. CSF: £312.25. Tricast: £2,349.98.

3.35 (6f) 1, Stack Rock (K Fallon, 9-1); 2, Gerah (7-1); 3, King's Signet (13-8 fav). 9 ran. Nk, 1l. E Alston. Tote: £11.80; £2.50, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £59.90. Trio: £30.70. CSF: £61.13.

4.05 (1m 6f 175yd) 1, My Patriarch (W Carson, 11-2); 2, Bold Resolution (11-2); 3, Collier Bay (6-4 fav). 9 ran. 1½l, 1l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £7.40. Trio: £7.00. CSF: £32.09. Tricast: £59.82.

4.35 (6f) 1, Forest Gazelle (Pat Eddery, 2-5 fav); 2, Friendly Champ (3-1); 3, Battling Blue (11-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 5l. R Charlton. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.98.

5.05 (1m) 1, Barbarola (W R Swinburn, 100-30 fav); 2, Sharp Tycoon (12-1); 3, Arz (6-1). 14 ran. Nk, nk. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £2.60, £2.20. DF: £51.90. CSF: £39.50. Tricast: £213.76. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £162.00.

Thirsk

Going: straight course good to firm, round course firm

2.20 (7f) 1, Winning Line (M Birch, 5-2 fav); 2, Hickleton Lady (3-1); 3, Monkey Wench (14-1). 16 ran. 3½l, ¾l. M H Easterby. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.50, £3.80. DF: £4.50. CSF: £10.48. No bid.

2.50 (2m) 1, Salu (J Carroll, 7-1); 2, Provence (9-4 fav); 3, Keyarts (4-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 5l. J Etherington. Tote: £7.90; £2.20, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £9.50. Trio: 16.10. CSF: £22.19. Tricast: £67.00.

3.20 (6f) 1, Johnnie The Joker (J Weaver, 12-1); 2, Wes (10-1); 3, Merissa (6-1). Hasty Bank 13-8 fav. 9 ran. 1½l, ½l. J Leigh. Tote: £10.40; £1.90, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £25.70. CSF: £108.76. Tricast: £921.32.

3.50 (7f) 1, Clever Minstrel (P Houghton, 6-5 fav); 2, City Times (7-4); 3, Noble Measure (8-1). 5 ran. 3l, 6l. G Harwood. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.27. After a stewards' enquiry result stood.

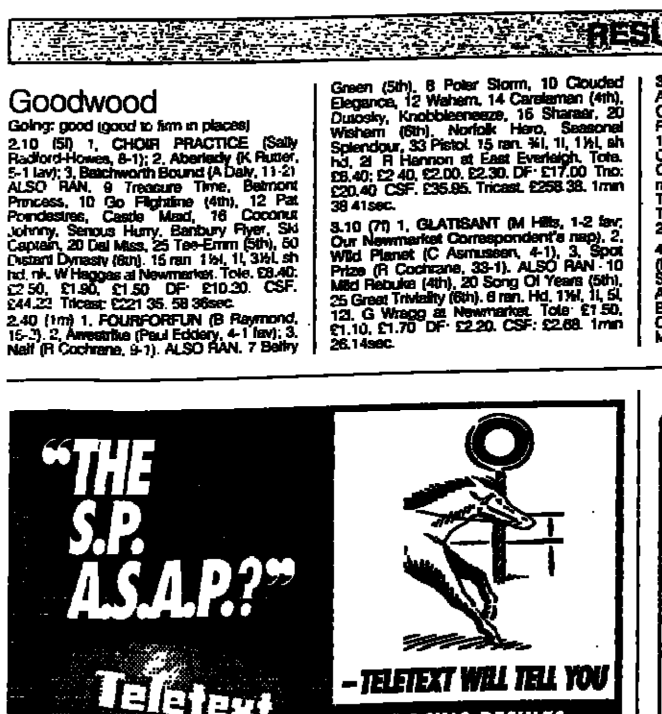
4.20 (6f) 1, Fawaakeh (R Hills, 4-6 fav); 2, Surprise Guest (13-2); 3, Sushi Bar (12-1). 7 ran. NR: Durano, Sharwan. 6l, nk. R Armstrong. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.59. Sweet Temptation (4-1) withdrawn not under orders — rule 4 applies, deduct 20p in pound.

4.50 (5f) 1, Kalar (S Wood, 20-1); 2, Le Chic (33-1); 3, Here Comes A Star (12-1); 4, Slades Hill (12-1). Daysuz 3-1 fav. 17 ran. 1½l, ¾l. D Chapman. Tote: £51.60; £10.50, £6.80, £1.90, £3.20. DF: £265.70. Trio: £574.80. CSF: £503.69. Tricast: £7,234.82.

Placepot: £189.30.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TALENT
(3.40 Goodwood)
Next best: Rafferty's Rules
(3.25 Newcastle)



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Lamb states tour case with dashing hundred

By Jack Bailey

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Leicestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 294 runs behind Northamptonshire

IF PURELY cricket considerations are the criteria relating to Allan Lamb when it comes to picking the England team for the West Indies, and if the tough and talented man were prepared to go — something about which he remains ambivalent — there could be worse choices. He has a proven record against them and he is not in terminal decline, as his sixth century against Leicestershire indicated.

Yesterday, he batted uncommonly well against a tidy if not lethal attack and took his score from 75 to 162 in little more than 2¼ hours. At the same time, he helped ensure that his team was given the best chance to win on a pitch which



Lamb: belligerent

has so far remained bland. Northamptonshire extended their score to 467 and although Tim Boon and James Whitaker played well in giving Leicestershire a healthy start, Northamptonshire would have been better placed if they had taken all their chances.

For all Boon's solid endurance, the Leicestershire innings of the day came from Whitaker, who gave glimpses of why he was once in England's ranks. But Boon is Leicestershire's leading scorer and he remained dependable to the end. Thanks to him, Northamptonshire have their work cut out.

Lamb's strategy of scoring as many runs as possible while the pitch remained a better was the best chance of achieving a result of paramount importance to his team. That he was the best person to carry out his own policy soon became evident. He took up his innings in the same belligerent mood as when he had left it overnight. He scored 87 of the 142 runs added by Northamptonshire to Thursday's 335 for 6.

Again, he offered no discernible chance. The easy pace of the pitch favoured his strength, square on both sides of the wicket, and once he had reached his century in the fourteenth over of the day, having peppered the boundary boards 14 times while doing so, he produced an array of strokes, not all of them out of the textbook.

There was, for instance, the miscued cow-shot when he had reached 118. The long-suffering Mullally bowled a good length ball, Lamb swung towards mid-wicket, and the ball sailed high over the short third man boundary for six. Further injustice followed. Twice Mullally bowled short of a length, but not that short, twice Lamb got onto the back foot to swing the ball to leg and twice the ball disappeared first bounce over the boundary. Where Mallally had most cause for grievance lay in the fact that each time the ball had disappeared high over the head of the wicketkeeper.

These blemishes apart, Lamb pushed the score along in orthodox fashion. Only when he had scored his third 50 in less than an hour, had partaken of lunch and had seen Taylor, the last man in, play a noble straight bat in his support, did he essay another hoick across the line. This time, Mullally had his revenge. Lamb missed, down went the stumps and with four for 111, the Leicestershire left-arm bowler, born in Southend and educated in Australia, was able to reflect on being the most successful bowler in a total approaching 500.

The Leicestershire bowling figures also reveal the wholehearted endeavour of Gordon Parsons. Any analysis that reveals a cost of only two runs an over while trundling away for 31 of them on this pitch argues a persistence and accuracy possessed by comparatively few bowlers.

Pierson, too, came well out of the Northamptonshire onslaught. Lamb does, of course, prefer the ball coming on to him. Pierson, with his high arm and drift away from the right-hander, was not easy to collar.

Northamptonshire's bowling is more formidable, but the pitch rendered even Ambrose comparatively innocuous. When Ambrose or Taylor did induce a mistake, the slips were surprised. This was indicated when first Lamb, off Ambrose, then Loye, at second slip off Taylor, put down Boon, on seven, and Whitaker on 44. Whitaker's life was not costly; but Boon's has already proved somewhat embarrassing.

Country cricket back in town

Alan Lee celebrates some characters who personify the spirit of the national village cricket championship



The Kington players will be absent from this peaceful setting tomorrow being otherwise engaged against Frocester at Lord's. Photograph: News Team

Robbie Richardson was 71 a fortnight ago, on the morning after his beloved Kington side won their way to Lord's and the final of the national village championship. He had not gone to bed early. "I woke up wondering why I still had my training shoes on," he recalls. "Then I realised I was still fully dressed."

It is an appropriate image, for the remarkable Richardson epitomises the spirit in which the competition began, 21 years ago. Hitherto, it had been fantasy for the village cricketer to play at headquarters.

Unfortunately Richardson will not be on the field at Lord's against Frocester tomorrow, at the culmination of nine rounds and 637 eliminated villages. Although spry and slim, he is no longer quite up to 40-over dashes and confines his deceitful off breaks to the second team.

He will, of course, be present. The uncle of England's left-handers, Dick and Peter, he coached eight of the Kington team at the local school and still acts as club coach and groundsman. "Since I retired, I've got busy," he says.

Frocester know Kington well, for both play in the Three Counties League. Kington are second and have already beaten, and drawn with, the more lowly-placed Frocester this season. They lie 50 miles apart in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, two counties that contain some of the country's finest villages yet have never before had a representative in the final.

Neither, however, is a typical English village. One is too small, the other too big. Frocester, a blink-and-you-miss-it hamlet around a crossroads between the M5 motorway and Stroud, has one pub, no shops and a population of 140.

Kington, where Herefordshire meets Wales, is a tourist town whose 31 pubs were a godsend to the Welsh in the days when the Principality was dry on Sundays. It is down to nine pubs now, but its shopping streets include video stores and bank cash dispensers and its population is so close to the championship limit of 3,000 that one disbelieving opponent went to the council offices to check it.

Size is no passport to prosperity and Kington is not a rich club. Its main fund-raising event, which takes place on Monday and might raise £500, is a duck race on the river. The ducks are plastic, and sponsored, the competition fierce.

Frocester's affluence is obvious from a stroll around the trim ground. There is a long, low pavilion, a smart scorebox, an artificial pitch and covers which would not disgrace a first-class ground. It all comes from the beer. In 1980 the club was approached by a local Lions club about staging a real ale festival. It has become an annual event and makes the club a five-figure profit.

There is one problem. The players usually work the pumps and sample a few of the products; as the festival is this weekend they have had to recruit help from the next village.

Village clubs do not live or die by such windfalls but by their personalities. Frocester has John "Nogger" Hawkins, who has been secretary for 36 years and whose brother, Eric, is the subject of mock "Wanted" posters on every telegraph pole around the village. Eric is loathe to venture far from his pigs; the village demands his presence at Lord's.

Frocester, like Kington, have played in the village knockout since its inception and once reported they had beaten Down Hatherley by 555 to 545. It turned out they had settled a rained-off tie in a skittle alley. They have played a total of 95 games and Geoff Hudd has played in all but two of them.

He will be there again tomorrow, as will a Cheltenham detective named Eric Woodmason. He, alone of the Frocester team, lives within the village boundaries.

Kington, too, are strong on longevity. Mike Cronin first played in 1960. A few years later, Edward Price made his debut. Price is captain now and farms next to Kington Golf Club, the highest 18-hole course in England.

No one goes back as far as Richardson, though. He first played for Kington in 1936 and has a photograph of the day the team was strengthened by a guest appearance from Sydney Barnes, then 63, who broke off from some private coaching to take eight for 37 against Pembridge.

Richardson does all the coaching in these parts now. On Thursday, he watched over a 13-year-old boy batting, in a helmet, against a bowling machine. Village cricket has, indeed, moved on. It remains, however, free therapy for thousands and after Rothmans have staged their last final tomorrow, it must be hoped that a new sponsor will come forward. This is an institution worth preserving.

Old Hill swiftly drop into the old routine

By Simon Wilde

LORD'S (West Bromwich Dartmouth won toss): Old Hill beat West Bromwich Dartmouth by seven wickets

OLD Hill yesterday confirmed their position as the champions of knock-out club cricket when they won the National Club championship — their equivalent of the FA Cup — for the fourth time in ten years. Only Scarborough, five times winners between 1972 and 1982, have a better record in the competition.

Old Hill had the best of everything. They outbatted, outbowled and outfielded West Bromwich Dartmouth, their Birmingham League rivals; had the most vociferous supporters and even had the best of the umpiring decisions. Their only disappointment was that they were deprived of a full day out in London because it was all over by ten minutes to five.

They stifled the life out of the West Bromwich innings. Cox, forced into playing the anchor role by the loss of Patel, spent 20 overs over 14; Inglis 23 over 34; and the "Muslim middle order" of Farooque, Sheikh and Sajjad bore a poor comparison to the more well known Essex version of Hussain, Malik and Shahid. Farooque, though, was unlucky to be given out run out.

In fact, the harder West Bromwich tried to score runs, the less success they had. During the last ten overs of their innings, when teams are looking to score at six, seven or eight runs an over, they added just 34 and lost seven wickets in the process.

Peter Bagley, a wily veteran of 41 years and three previous finals, claimed another two wickets to add to those of Cox and Inglis to finish with figures of four for 19.

A total of 134 was no sort of target and Old Hill, once they had seen off Mirza, the fastest bowler on either side, got them with ease. Graeme Calway, who took a century off Hampshire in a NatWest Trophy match last year, saw them to the brink of victory in a lively partnership of 69 in 17 overs with Scott.

His dismissal with the scores level left the stage clear for David Banks, the Old Hill captain and a man with the build and hairstyle of a 1985 Ian Botham to make the winning hit. He was deprived of his great moment by the bowler serving up a wide.

Old Hill reckon to get crowds of 1,000 for their big league and cup matches: they may be doing well on the field, but this is more than you will find in attendance on many a day of county championship cricket.

SCORES: West Bromwich Dartmouth 133 (45 overs: J M A Inglis 34; P R Bagley 4-19); Old Hill 134 for three (34.5 overs; G Calway 32).

Flowers' opening stand leads Zimbabwe to victory

By Michael Henderson

HASLINGDEN (League Conference won toss): Zimbabweans beat the League Conference by eight wickets

NO FLOWERS please, by request. The League Conference players may feel like that after watching the Zimbabwean brothers, Grant and Andy, share an opening stand of 121 which enabled their team to win a disappointing match in comfort. Both batsmen completed half-centuries before David Houghton, the captain, saw the touring team to their modest target with five overs to spare.

Although the Lancashire leagues are not what they were when Worrell and Weekes played in them, they still provide Test cricketers with an alternative source of income. As the Haslingden professional, Phil Simmons lives in the shadows cast here by Clive Lloyd and Dennis Lillee and the general impression, as he takes his leave to join Leicestershire, is of a good chap who could have done rather more.

Test players, of course, demand large fees even when they take none for plenty. One such chap faxed Haslingden earlier this summer offering his (admittedly considerable) services in exchange for £25,000, a top of the range BMW, return flight and the sort of accommodation to which he has grown accustomed — which assuredly did not suggest the Crown and Shuttle.

Haslingden, whose subsequent offer of a £1,000 a match to Ian Botham was rebuffed, dismissed those demands and are ready for further negotiations should the player relent.

Australians, everybody agrees, offer the best value for money in terms of performance and a commitment to the club which extends beyond playing hours. At 36, Peter Sleep is approaching the end of his career but there is no lack of younger men who can hold down a professional's job.

Two winters ago, Sleep, the professional with Middleton in the Central Lancashire League, made the winning hit as South Australia became the first Australian team to make 500 in the last innings of a match to win. Without him there would not have been much of a match here.

The Conference total of 231 for eight was formed substantially by the third-wicket stand of 111 between Sleep, who made 71, and Iain Cockbain, once of Lancashire. Sleep's leg spinners then accounted for the Flowers brothers, Grant caught and bowled and the left-handed Andy nicking an extremely long hop.

SCORES: League Cricket Conference 231 for eight (55 overs: P Sleep 71); Zimbabweans 232-2 (49.3 overs: A Flower 75, D Houghton 56 not out, G Flower 51).

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Surrey v Somerset

THE OVAL *(second day of four). Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets standing, are 177 runs ahead of Surrey*

SOMERSET: First Innings 275 for 9 dec (I Fletcher 63)

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst lbw b Benjamin 6
M N Lathwell c Stewart b Benjamin 6
*R J Harden not out 45
I Fletcher c Butcher b Waqar 23
†R J Turner not out 10
Extras (lb 5, nb 6) 11
Total (3 wkts) 101

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-14, 3-75.

BOWLING: Benjamin 10-3-21-2; Waqar Younis 10-2-35-1; Hollioake 5-2-13-0; Butcher 6-1-16-0, Kendrick 11-4-10-0

SURREY: First Innings

R I Alikhan c Lathwell b van Troost 0
D J Bicknell c Turner b van Troost 0
A W Smith b Rose 12
*A J Stewart c Turner b van Troost 34
A D Brown c sub b van Troost 45
A J Hollioake c Harden b van Troost 2
M A Butcher c Harden b Mushtaq 0
†G J Kersey c Lathwell b Mushtaq 10
N M Kendrick not out 39
Waqar Younis c and b Mallender 27
J E Benjamin b Mallender 5
Extras (b 7, lb 5, w 1, nb 12) 25
Total (67.4 overs) 199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-29, 4-86, 5-94, 6-99, 7-105, 8-134, 9-193

BOWLING: Van Troost 18-4-47-5; Mallender 14.4-5-35-2; Rose 11-0-44-1, Hayhurst 3-0-16-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 21-6-45-2.

Bonus points: Surrey 4, Somerset 6

Umpires: D J Constant and D O Oslear

Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

ABERGAVENNY *(second day of four): Glamorgan, with four second-innings wickets standing, are 402 runs ahead of Gloucestershire*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 292 (I V A Richards 95, M P Maynard 93)

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Walsh 1
A Dale c Russell b Walsh 10
*M P Maynard st Russell b Davies 95
P A Cottey c Ball b Cooper 63
D L Hemp c Russell b Alleyne 52
R D B Croft c Ball b Hancock 21
†C P Metson not out 4
R P Lefebvre not out 0
Extras (lb 7, nb 5) 12
Total (6 wkts) 258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-21, 3-129, 4-221, 5-253, 6-257.

BOWLING: Walsh 16-3-61-2; Cooper 16-1-56-1; Alleyne 8-3-14-1; Hancock 8-1-35-1; Davies 17-3-57-1; Ball 8-1-28-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad st Metson b Croft 72
G D Hodgson lbw b Lefebvre 9
R I Dawson lbw b Dale 5
S G Hinks lbw b Barwick 7
M W Alleyne b Barwick 1
T H C Hancock b Barwick 3
†R C Russell c Richards b Watkin 15
M C J Ball c Richards b Lefebvre 9
M Davies not out 44
*C A Walsh c Dale b Croft 5
K E Cooper b Croft 5
Extras (lb 3) 3
Total (65.4 overs) 158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-30, 3-33, 4-41, 5-51, 6-77, 7-84, 8-137, 9-151

BOWLING: Watkin 21-4-60-1; Lefebvre 6-1-20-2; Dale 9-3-14-1; Croft 17.4-9-35-3; Barwick 12-4-26-3.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 6, Gloucestershire 4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and G A Stickley.

Yorkshire v Durham

HEADINGLEY *(second day of four). Durham, with seven first-innings wickets standing, are 168 runs behind Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon lbw b Brown 77
S A Kellett c Larkins b Graveney 15
D Byas b Wood 36
C White c Larkins b Bainbridge 146
†R J Blakey b Wood 37
P J Hartley b Wood 49
A P Grayson c Larkins b Bainbridge 29
D Gough c Scott b Bainbridge 0
R D Stemp c Hughes b Bainbridge 4
J D Batty c Hutton b Bainbridge 0
M A Robinson not out 0
Extras (lb 1, lb 4, nb 2) 7
Total 400

Score at 120 overs: 348-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-123, 3-138, 4-210, 5-330, 6-390, 7-390, 8-397, 9-399.

BOWLING: Wood 27-4-87-3, Hughes 24-6-61-0; Brown 29-2-114-1; Graveney 24-5-64-1; Bainbridge 27 4-9-53-5; Smith 6-1-16-0.

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler not out 126
W Larkins c Kellett b Gough 2
P W G Parker b Gough 6
S Hutton lbw b Hartley 73
P Bainbridge not out 2
Extras (b 7, lb 12, nb 2) 21
Total (3 wkts, 79 overs) 232

I Smith, †C W Scott, J Wood, *D A Graveney, S J E Brown and S P Hughes to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-20, 3-225.

BOWLING: Hartley 23-14-27-1; Gough 16-1-59-2, White 5-0-16-0; Robinson 14-0-69-0; Stemp 13-2-37-0; Batty 9-3-15-0.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4, Durham 3.

Umpires: H D Bird and J C Balderstone.

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH *(second day of four). Hampshire, with four first-innings wickets standing, are 152 runs behind Sussex*

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Gower b Shine 2
C W J Athey c Aymes b Marshall 2
D M Smith b Shine 150
*A P Wells c Cox b Udal 42
M P Speight c and b Udal 121
†P Moores not out 48
F D Stephenson lbw b James 23
I D K Salisbury c Aymes b James 12
E E Hemmings c Flint b James 3
E S H Giddins lbw b James 0
A C S Pigott absent ill 0
Extras (lb 18, nb 18) 36
Total 439

Score at 120 overs: 402-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-5, 3-94, 4-308, 5-388, 6-434, 7-434, 8-438, 9-439.

BOWLING: Marshall 33-10-73-1; Shine 21-2-104-2; James 16.3-3-55-4; Udal 41-12-102-2; Flint 20-3-87-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry lbw b Hemmings 11
R A Smith c Smith b Stephenson 12
K D James c Moores b Giddins 14
D I Gower c Wells b Hemmings 113
*M C J Nicholas c and b Salisbury 35
R M F Cox b Hemmings 6
†A N Aymes not out 78
D P J Flint not out 0
Extras (b 3, nb 14) 17
Total (6 wkts, 86 overs) 287

M D Marshall, S D Udal and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-26, 3-67, 4-131, 5-148, 6-286

BOWLING: Stephenson 13-1-40-1; Giddins 17-0-68-1; Hemmings 29-15-69-3; Salisbury 13-1-65-1, Lenham 9-2-28-0, Athey 5-1-14-0

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Sussex 6.

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Lancashire v Kent

LYTHAM *(second day of four). Kent, with all second-innings wickets standing, are 56 runs behind Lancashire*

KENT: First Innings 283 (M A Ealham 85, S A Marsh 63; Wasim Akram 5 for 69)

Second Innings

D P Fulton not out 4
T R Ward not out 1
Extras 4
Total (no wkt) 9

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 3-2-4-0, DeFreitas 2-0-5-0

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Fulton b Igglesden 1
J P Crawley lbw b Patel 78
G Yates b Headley 19
N J Speak b Patel 23
*N H Fairbrother c Patel b Hooper 75
R C Irani c Marsh b Patel 44
M Watkinson c Marsh b Patel 2
Wasim Akram b Patel 17
P A J DeFreitas not out 37
†W K Hegg b Hooper 4
A A Barnett c Marsh b Igglesden 10
Extras (lb 6, lb 10, nb 2) 18
Total 328

Score at 120 overs: 282-8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-57, 3-120, 4-133, 5-237, 6-246, 7-269, 8-276, 9-299.

BOWLING: Igglesden 19-5-58-2, Headley 17-4-54-1; Hooper 45-13-93-2, Patel 52-19-107-5.

Bonus points: Lancashire 6, Kent 5

Umpires: J D Bond and P Wiley.

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(second day of four). Leicestershire, with eight first-innings wickets standing, are 294 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Smith b Mullally 21
N A Felton c Whitaker b Mullally 105
R J Bailey lbw b Wells 59
M B Loye lbw b Parsons 7
*A J Lamb b Mullally 162
N M Curran lbw b Parsons 47
†D Ripley b Pierson 6
A R Roberts lbw b Millns 5
M N Bowen c Robinson b Pierson 22
C E L Ambrose c Boon b Mullally 10
J P Taylor not out 0
Extras (b 3, lb 9, w 1, nb 10) 23
Total 467

Score at 120 overs: 363-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-182, 3-197, 4-212, 5-306, 6-327, 7-355, 8-445, 9-458.

BOWLING: Mullally 29.2-5-111-4; Millns 27-4-104-1; Parsons 31-11-62-2; Wells 26-4-70-1, Pierson 33-8-94-2; Hepworth 2-0-14-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon not out 84
P N Hepworth lbw b Bowen 13
*J J Whitaker c Loye b Taylor 44
V J Wells not out 22
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 2) 10
Total (2 wkts, 71 overs) 173

P E Robinson, B F Smith, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, D J Millns and A D Mullally to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-105.

BOWLING: Ambrose 16-3-34-0, Taylor 14-5-37-1, Curran 8-2-19-0; Bowen 11-3-33-1, Roberts 14-4-28-0, Bailey 8-3-14-0

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4, Leicestershire 3.

Umpires: P B Wight and G I Burgess.

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(second day of four): Derbyshire, with nine first-innings wickets standing, are 345 runs behind Nottinghamshire*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Adams b Sladdin 180
W A Dessaur b Griffith 104
M A Crawley c Adams b Base 4
*R T Robinson c Rollins b Base 78
P Johnson c Adams b Cork 31
C C Lewis c Cork b Vandrau 42
G W Mike c Cork b Sladdin 20
†B N French c Krikken b Vandrau 5
R T Bates not out 9
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 20) 27
Total (8 wkts dec) 500

J E Hindson and D B Pennett did not bat.

Score at 120 overs: 354-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-281, 2-300, 3-305, 4-381, 5-442, 6-462, 7-488, 8-500.

BOWLING: Cork 27-5-97-1; Base 24-6-77-2; Griffith 20-5-60-1; Vandrau 30-6-81-2; Sladdin 39.2-15-126-2; Bowler 11-3-35-0; Adams 6-1-20-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler not out 57
J E Morris c Mike b Lewis 13
C J Adams not out 76
Extras (lb 5, nb 4) 9
Total (1 wkt, 40 overs) 155

A S Rollins, *K J Barnett, D G Cork, F A Griffith, †K M Krikken, M J Vandrau, R W Sladdin and S J Base to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-37.

BOWLING: Lewis 13-0-64-1, Mike 9-4-18-0; Pennett 8-1-29-0; Hindson 5-0-30-0, Bates 5-2-9-0.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 4, Derbyshire 1

Umpires: V A Holder and R Palmer.

Warwickshire v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON *(second day of four): Worcestershire, with four first-innings wickets standing, are 37 runs ahead of Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 206 (D P Ostler 56)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis lbw b Smith 13
M J Weston c Ratcliffe b Bell 31
G A Hick b Smith 46
G R Haynes c Ostler b Smith 13
D B D'Oliveira c Reeve b Booth 25
D A Leatherdale c Reeve b Small 2
†S J Rhodes not out 63
P J Newport not out 40
Extras (b 2, lb 8) 10
Total (6 wkts) 243

C M Tolley, R K Illingworth and N V Radford to bat.

Score at 120 overs: 232-6

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-69, 3-100, 4-111, 5-118, 6-166.

BOWLING: Small 26-12-41-1; Bell 28-9-67-1; Smith 32-13-67-3; Reeve 10-5-22-0; Twose 6-0-16-0, Booth 20-11-20-1.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 3, Worcestershire 5.

Umpires: G Sharp and J W Holder

Under-19 Test match
England U-19 v West Indies U-19

HOVE *(second day of four): West Indies U-19, with seven first-innings wickets standing, are 364 runs behind England U-19*

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings

M P Dowman c Ballkram b Ramnarine 257
M P Vaughan lbw b Ramnarine 21
*M J Walker c Cottey b Ramnarine 26
J A Daley c Ballkram b Stuart 35
R J Cunliffe c Ramnarine b Givance 98
M Trescothick c Mitchum b Givance 17
G Chapple c Percival b Ramnarine 7
†R J Rollins c Percival b Givance 27
O R Law not out 0
D Thomas run out 0
G Keedy lbw b Ramnarine 9
Extras (lb 11, lb 14, nb 38) 63
Total 691

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-119, 3-220, 4-486, 5-522, 6-523, 7-549, 8-561, 9-561.

BOWLING: Stuart 22-2-120-1; Bradshaw 10-0-52-0; Christopher 9-0-49-0, Ramnarine 45 1-6-141-5, Givance 47-7-163-3; Chanderpaul 3-0-20-0; Ballkram 1-0-1-0

WEST INDIES UNDER-19: First Innings

A Ballkram run out 41
M Ventura st Rollins b Keedy 25
J Mitchum not out 69
S Chanderpaul c Cunliffe b Law 22
A Percival not out 12
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 1, nb 16) 28
Total (3 wkts) 197

*I Bradshaw, A Givance, D Ramnarine, †A Coley, C Stuart and R Christopher to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-116, 3-165

BOWLING: Chapple 14-2-54-0; Law 14-3-34-1; Thomas 13-4-44-0, Keedy 21-8-38-1; Vaughan 6-2-16-0.

Umpires: R A White and R Julian.

TEST MATCH: Moratuwa: Sri Lanka 331 (H P Tillekeratne 92, R S Mahanama 53; A A Donald 5 for 69); South Africa 81-0 Rest day.

Maynard misses century but helps Welsh cause

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ALTHOUGH Matthew Maynard was dismissed in the nineties for the second time in the match at Abergavenny yesterday he was no doubt consoled by knowing that he had helped to put Glamorgan in a position where victory over Gloucestershire seems a foregone conclusion.

After Gloucestershire had surprisingly saved the follow-on, largely through the efforts of Mark Davies, a former Glamorgan player, Courtney Walsh quickly nipped out Steve James and Adrian Dale. With Viv Richards absent with a fractured finger, Glamorgan badly needed another rousing innings from Maynard. He did not disappoint, scoring 95 of the 125 runs added before Davies had him stumped. With the bowlers tamed, Tony Cottey and David Hemp both scored half-centuries to help Glamorgan to a lead of 392 with four wickets remaining.

Two players who safely navigated the nineties were former England colleagues Graeme Fowler and David Gower. Fowler, on the Headingley ground where he played so often for Lancashire in Roses matches, made his first century for Durham, who made a spirited reply to Yorkshire's score of 400 by reaching 232 for three. Earlier Phil Bainbridge had brought the Yorkshire innings to an abrupt end by taking the last five wickets in 21 balls.

Gower's third century of the season for Hampshire pulled them out of a spot of bother against Sussex at Portsmouth. The follow-on loomed until Gower and Adrian Aymes put on 138, with Gower falling to Eddie Hemmings just before the close for 113.

One left-hander who has had a year he will not want to remember is Neil Fairbrother, the Lancashire captain. His innings of 75 against Kent at Lytham was his highest of the season. It helped his side to a lead of 68 despite Min Patel's five for 107 from a marathon spell.

Andre van Troost also grabbed five wickets, at a cost of 47 runs, on a helpful Oval pitch where Somerset gained a first innings lead of 76 over Surrey. An unbeaten half-century by Steve Rhodes kept Worcestershire in the driving seat at Edgbaston while Derbyshire have reached 155 for one in response to Nottinghamshire's 500 for eight at Trent Bridge.

Runs continued to flow in the youth international at Hove where West Indies are 197 for three in reply to England's 561.



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Taylor frets as Dalglish holds key to selection

By Keith Pike

A FRETFUL weekend of forward planning awaits Graham Taylor. England's participation in the World Cup finals next year, and almost certainly his job as manager, are precariously placed: that a Scot, Kenny Dalglish, has such a vital role to play may not make him sleep any easier.

On Monday, Taylor selects his squad for the group two qualifying match against Poland at Wembley and, as it is a match England must win to prolong their hopes, it is the form and fitness of his front men that will concern him most. It can be safely assumed that Ian Wright, of Arsenal, will comprise one half of his strike force. The problems start then.

Eight months after damaging cruciate ligaments in his knee, Alan Shearer had hoped by now to have convinced Taylor of his recovery but, despite Shearer's own protestations of his fitness, Dalglish, his manager at Blackburn Rovers, is unconvinced.

After three appearances as substitute for the first team, Shearer completed a game for the reserves on Wednesday but he is still not sure of a starting place for the FA Carling Premiership match against Newcastle United at St James' Park tomorrow. "Every game that goes by he is getting closer," Dalglish said yesterday. Yet he still refused to confirm Shearer would play from the outset.

Taylor, who has used five different combinations up front in England's last five matches and been rewarded by three goals and no victories, would welcome nothing more than Shearer's return. But can he pick for his country a player who is not regarded as fit enough for his club? It seems unlikely.

One possible alternative was eliminated yesterday. John Barnes, who has not played for Liverpool this season after straining a thigh muscle, aggravated the injury playing in a reserve match against Bolton Wanderers on Thursday. "I think it's only a minor setback, maybe for two weeks," he said.

Barnes will miss Liverpool's match against Leeds United at Anfield today, where Nigel Clough — four goals in four games since his transfer from Nottingham Forest — can further his England claims. Teddy Sheringham, having scored twice in Tottenham Hotspur's midweek win at Liverpool, can similarly bolster his chances with a goal or two against Aston Villa at Villa Park today.

The prospects for three other strikers, though, are receding. Neither David Hirst nor Paul Warhurst have been able to get Sheffield Wednesday off the goalscoring mark and injuries means neither is likely to play against Chelsea today.

Paul Merson, who believes he could partner Wright in attack for both club and country, is unlikely to find George Graham accommodating, despite his goal against Leeds United in midweek.

"Paul told me that he is desperate to play up front and I have taken that on board," Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. "He is a very talented player but he will have to play where I pick him."

The fitness of Tony Adams and Lee Dixon, Merson's team-mates, will also worry Taylor. Adams, who has an ankle injury, trained yesterday but may not be risked against Everton at Highbury today. Dixon is still troubled by a foot injury, and will be withdrawn from the England squad unless he has recovered in time to play against Blackburn on Tuesday.



Shearer has yet to convince Dalglish he has fully recovered from his knee injury

Dover make shrewd signing

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

DOVER Athletic received a swift return on their investment when David Leworthy scored twice in their 3-1 GM Vauxhall Conference debut win over Kidderminster Harriers before a crowd of 1,729 at the Crabble.

Leworthy, 30, joined Dover for £50,000, a record between Conference clubs, during the summer. He was the league's leading scorer last season with 32 goals, and 48 in all, but could not prevent Farnborough Town losing their place in the Conference. Dover paid £25,000 down with a further £25,000 in instalments during the season.

From non-league roots with Fareham, Leworthy's Football League career took in Portsmouth, Tottenham Hotspur, Oxford United, Shrewsbury Town and Reading before he dropped into the Conference. He has signed a three-year contract with Dover, whose 1-0 defeat away to Slough Town on Tuesday left Slough, Yeovil Town and Welling United as the only three sides with 100 per cent records.

Southport, the HFS Loans League champions last season, were held 2-2 by Halifax Town, the third Conference newcomers, before a crowd of 2,423 at Haig Avenue on Tuesday while Trevor Senior, another much-travelled striker and a former team-mate of Leworthy's at Reading, was on the mark in Weymouth's opening 3-1 southern division victory over Erith and Belvedere.

Senior, with Woking last season, scored 165 goals in nearly 350 League appearances for Portsmouth, Reading, Watford and Middlesbrough.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Teenager reaches new goal

AMY Gowshall, from Grimsby, who was 14 in March, will become the youngest player to compete in a final of the English Bowling Federation national championships when she partners her mother, Christine Gowshall, in the pairs final at Skegness today.

Last month, she was the youngest finalist in the English Women's Bowling Association championships at Leamington, and yesterday she showed self-assurance as she skipped her mother to a 23-13 win over Edna Crook and Peggy Mather.

Bates wilts in the heat

Tennis: Jeremy Bates, the former British No 1, wilted in the heat at the US Open qualifying tournament at Flushing Meadow, New York, yesterday. He was beaten by a Norwegian well below him in the world rankings. Bates took the first set against Bent-Ove Pederson, who is more noted for doubles than singles, but lost 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Larkin called in

Rowing: Simon Larkin, of Nottingham County, has won a last-minute place in the British world championships team who start their quest for medals at Roudnice in the Czech Republic on Monday. Larkin will row in the coxless four in place of Tim Foster, who is injured.

Hill can inspire

Hockey: Goals by Robert Hill against Australia at Reading tomorrow could inspire England, who forced no short corners in the 2-1 win over South Africa at Milton Keynes on August 15. England's four-man defence will also have to contain the mobile Australia forwards, particularly Stephen Davies.

British task

Ice hockey: Great Britain will play Poland tonight in the first of their Olympic Games qualifying games in Sheffield and the selectors are banking on experience, with the average age of their players nearly 30.

Golf triumph

Golf: Mrs Mary Bartlett and her younger son, Jerome, won the Burhill family foursomes. Playing the father and daughter team of Brian and Adele Allen, the Bartletts never got ahead until the 13th and they went on to win one up. In the semi-final they beat Anthony and Wendy Laud 3-2.

Later deadline

Football: The inquiry by the French league into allegations of attempted match-fixing by Marseilles has been postponed for a week. Uefa, the European governing body, had orignally set a deadline of Monday for the league to give a ruling.

Bath prospect

Rugby Union: Nick Popplewell, the British Isles prop, has had talks with Bath, the English club champions. Popplewell, who has won 18 caps for Ireland, was heralded as one of the leading players of the Lions' summer tour to New Zealand.

Shock defeats for champions

FROM DAVID POWELL IN BERLIN

TWO of Britain's world champions, Linford Christie and Colin Jackson, were defeated last night in their first races since winning their gold medals in Stuttgart last week. Britain almost suffered a third loss, too, but the mile world record still belongs to Steve Cram after a near-miss by Noureddine Morceli in his attempt to break it.

Unlike Christie and Jackson, Morceli still had the bit between his teeth for the grand prix meeting here. Only five days after retaining his 1,500 metres world title, he came with half a second of Cram's record of 3min 46.32sec, set eight years ago.

After Michael Busch had taken Morceli through 880 yards in 1min 52.91sec, perfect timing, Freddie Williams, of Canada, pulled the Algerian round another two bends. But, from there, Morceli was on his own: he needed a last lap of 55.60 to break the record, but fell just short, recording 3:46.78, the third fastest time on record. The African record remains with Said Aouita, of Morocco, at 3:46.76.

Christie was beaten into third place in the 100 metres, suffering only his second defeat over the distance this season. Neither of his conquerors, Leroy Burrell and Jon Drummond, contested the 100 metres in Stuttgart, having failed to progress past the US trials.

Christie's pick-up over the first 30 metres let him down: by then the two Americans were clear and, though Christie closed them down, he needed probably another 10 metres to pass them. For Burrell, 100 metres was the perfect distance. At 95 metres Drummond led, but the former world record holder came through to win in 10.12sec. Drummond and Christie recorded 10.13.

Jackson was third in the 110 metres hurdles, his first defeat of the summer in his 17th race, including heats. Jack Pierce, third in Stuttgart, won in 13.29sec, with Mark McKoy, the Olympic champion, second in 13.30. Jackson recorded 13.35, having led Pierce over the eighth of the ten hurdles.

Tomorrow Jackson and Christie compete in Britain for the first time since their exploits Stuttgart; a capacity crowd of 25,000 will be at the Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield, to greet them. For Christie and Sally Gunnell there is no opposition to speak of.

While they are put through the formality of winning, Jackson faces three Stuttgart finalists, Jarrett, Dees and Igor Kazanov. Gunnell and Jackson set world records in Stuttgart but Christie remains top of the pay league.

Christie is earning £25,000, his normal appearance money before Stuttgart; Gunnell (whose fee was £10,000) and Jackson have moved closer, on £20,000.



Gunnell: more pay

Wigan's depth will test rivals

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

LOOKING for chinks in Wigan's armour has become a time-honoured tradition at the beginning of a rugby league season. They are slow starters, say opponents, who also point to task facing John Dorahy, their new Australian coach.

Dorahy, who succeeds John Monie, seems unperturbed. "If I went round polishing all the silverware, sure I would be worried," he said. "But I'm only concerned to get off to a flyer and keep our form."

The key to Wigan's success, as their rivals are keenly aware, is the depth at Central Park. St Helens have run Wigan close for two seasons, coming so near as to lose the Stones Bitter championship on points difference last April, but the ridiculous demands of a nine-month season exacted too heavy a physical toll.

Even Wigan suffered in the end, losing their Premiership title to St Helens, and the wear and tear is still apparent. Martin Offiah and Andy Platt are nursing shoulder injuries, but Wigan have the resources to fill the breach.

The emergence of so much home-grown talent — in particular, the arrival last year of Andrew Farrell, 17, in the back row — was the finest legacy to be passed down by Monie. Danny Ellison, a 19-year old, steps into Offiah's boots on the left wing against Hull tomorrow, and Nigel Wright, also 19, an inspired signing from Wakefield Trinity, is the latest half-back partner for Shaun Edwards.

With the Australian season a month off completion, Wigan are denied the services of centre Gary Connolly, their £250,000 buy from St Helens. Hull, surprise winners in the League at Central Park 12 months ago, are in more pressing need of their new overseas recruits. Des Hasler and Jeff Doyle, as four of the club's internationals have refused contracts and been barred from playing by coach Royce Simmons.

Jonathan Davies makes his debut in his old position of centre for Warrington against Wakefield, alongside his one-time Wales rugby union colleague, Allan Bateman.

More significantly, Mike Gregory, the former Great Britain captain, will start his first match for two years after an horrendous run of knee injuries.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

CONMEBOL CUP: Second round, first leg: Caracas FC (Ven) 0, Bolafogo (Br) 1

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Monaghan 1, Derry 1; St Patrick's 0, Bohemians 0; Dundalk 0, Drogheda 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 1, Tottenham 0; Bristol Rovers 3, West Ham 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 2, Liverpool 2, Manchester U 5, Notts C 0, Sheffield W 0, Aston Villa 2. Second division: Port Vale 1, Manchester C 1, West Bromwich 2, Preston 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Havant 2, Dunstable 1.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 5, Houston 4 (13 inns), New York 7, Colorado 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 5, Oakland 3, New York 4, Cleveland 0; Baltimore 9, California 4, Kansas City 3, Minnesota 0; Boston 3, Texas 1, Seattle 6, Toronto 3

BOWLS

SKEGNESS: EBF national championships: Semi-finals: Men: Two-bowl singles: T Robson (New Delaval and Newsham) bt J Stephenson (St Peter's, Hants), 21-13; J Davison (Gateshead Borough) bt D Johnson (Lincoln Railway), 21-13. Four-bowl singles: M Ward (Balderton, Notts) bt T Greetham (Worshop Cricket and Sports Club), 21-10; N Harris (First Park, Northumberland) bt E Graves (Wickham Gardens, Lincs), 21-17. Under-25 singles: J Roope (Nestle Rowntree, Norfolk) bt D Bolt (Cleadon Park, Durham), 21-16. A Seymour Jr (First Park) bt S Alkin (Arnold Park, Notts), 21-17. Pairs: N Deacon and G Allan (Burradon, Northumberland) bt S Hutchinson and W Houghton (Broughton Red Lion), 18-15; P Crisp and J Briggs (Consett) bt N Bratt and L Swannell (Warboys White Hart), 20-18. Two-bowl rinks: Bilsthorpe, Notts (F Johnson) bt Elm Tree, Cleveland (E Maule), 20-15; Thornham Magna (D Shepherd) bt Terrington King William (E Clarke), 22-21. Three-bowl rinks: Alderton, Suffolk (C Baker) bt Blackburn Leisure, Hull (J Carroll), 18-10; Parkside, Durham (G Stokes) bt Heckington, Lincs (M Eaplen), 24-10

Women: Two-bowl singles: L Waghron (Tungsite, Norfolk) bt L Palling (Mansfield Ladies), 21-13; V Swann (Walsham-le-Willows, Suffolk) bt F Graham (South Shield West End), 21-14. Four-bowl singles: P Thompson (Heaton, Northumberland) bt S Dawson (Fraston, Lincs), 21-9; P Oliver (Creswell) bt B Gaze (Swanland, Humberside), 21-13. Under-25 singles: A Savage (Terrington KW) bt S Archer (Creswell), 21-13; D Overton (Brigg Town, Humberside) bt S Walpole (Kelton, Northants), 21-17. Pairs: J Wilson and P Strong (Lincoln R) bt M Stark and A Harrison (Billingham, Cleveland), 20-11; C and A Gowshall (Park Avenue, Grimsby) bt E Crook and P Mather (Barley, Durham), 23-13. Two-bowl rinks: Mansfield Ladies (N Wilson) bt Witcaring (B Warners), 21-14; Hemingford (A Ashmore) bt Ravensworth (R Swaddle), 24-14. Three-bowl rinks: Somercotes, Derbys (J Thompson) bt Readhead, Durham (M Charlton), 17-12; Costessy, Norfolk (M Ward) bt Haverhill Town (J Webb), 17-14.

Mixed pairs: J M Hill and T Lee (Pretty Polly, Notts) bt E Lightfoot and B Carlin (Simonside, Durham), 22-11; R and V Portsaman (Boultham Park, Lincs) bt I Stobbs and T Robson (New Delaval and Newsham), 18-17. Mixed two-bowl rinks: Lincoln St Giles (K Kelly) bt Stone Lodge, Suffolk (T Pegg), 25-14. Silent Channel, Hunts (J Higgnen) bt Ryton Towers, Durham (S Hubbard), 26-18

WORTHING: Open tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: C Atyeo (Worthing) bt C Taylor (Victoria Drive, Eastbourne), 21-10; P Evans (Cardiff Ath) bt H Sicklebottom (IBM), 21-13; P Vamvacopoulos (W Wimbledon) bt S Letts (West End, Northampton), 21-13; P Caswell (Worthing) bt I Mackenzie (Southsea Waverley), 21-17. Semi-finals: Evans bt Atyeo, 21-8; Vamvacopoulos bt Caswell, 21-5.

GOLF

DALMAHOY: European amateur championship: Leading first-round scores: 68: M Eriksson (Swe), K Valkola (Fin), 67: M Brier (Aus), C Cevaer (Fr), G Houston (Wales), L McLaughlin (Scot), 68: L Westwood (Eng), W Bryson (Scot), C O'Carroll (Wales) 69: A Reid (Scot), J McGarrigle (Jer), M Lundberg (Swe), L James (Eng), B Collier (Scot), F Stoleer (Fr), F Valera (Sp), D Downie (Scot), M Ellis (Wales), C Edwards (Eng), J Kjaerbye (Den).

BURHILL FAMILY FOURSOMES: Fourth round: Mrs A Reitt and A Reitt bt Mrs D Bailey and K Frearson, 2 and 1. Mrs S Greenlead and A Greenlead bt Mrs J J Ross and S J D Rose, at 19th. Mrs G Warner and R Warner bt Mrs J Walker and E Walker, 6 and 4; P B Allen and Miss A W Allen bt Mrs S K Hubbard and T Hubbard, 3 and 2. Mrs W Laud and A Laud bt P A Sherwood and Mrs S A Tucker, 5 and 3. Mrs D Dixon and H Dixon bt Mrs J Morgan and S Morgan, 2 and 1; K M Bartlett and J R Bartlett bt Mrs J Lawson and P Lawson, 4 and 3. Mrs A Human and C Human bt P Sales and Miss S Sales, 3 and 1. Fifth round: Reitt and Reitt bt Greenlead and Greenlead, 3 and 2; Allen and Allen bt Warner and Warner, 2 and 1; Laud and Laud bt Dixon and Dixon, at 23rd; Bartlett and Bartlett bt Human and Human, 3 and 2.

Semi-finals: Allen and Allen bt Reitt and Reitt, 5 and 3. Bartlett and Bartlett bt Laud and Laud, 3 and 2. Final: Bartlett and Bartlett bt Allen and Allen, 1 up

AKRON, Ohio: Men's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 66: D Edwards, J Gallagher Jr, 66: J Huston, M Kuramoto (Japan), D Frost (SA), F Allem (SA), 69: J Cook, S Elkington (Aus), G Norman (Aus), N Price (Zim) 70: B Watts 71: T Nakajima (Japan), P Senior (Aus), C Stadler, H Twitty. 72: P Azinger, J Daly, T Kite, R McDougal, C Whitelaw (SA).

HOCKEY

AMSTERDAM: Women's Champions' Trophy: Holland 3, Britain 0. Positions (after four matches): 1, Australia, 8pts; 2, Holland, 7; 3, S Korea, 4; 4, Germany, 3; 5, Britain, 2; 6, Spain, 0.

MOTOR RALLYING

1,000 LAKES RALLY, Finland: Leading positions (after first day, six special stages): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica, 42min 56sec; 2, D Auriol (Fr), Toyota Celica, at 07sec; 3, A Vatanen (Fin), Subaru Impreza, 09. British: equal 5, M Wilson (GB), Ford Escort Cosworth, 1min 03sec.

RIFLE SHOOTING

MUNICH: World Cup: Final: English match (60 shots prone): 1, J Hanshov (Den), 701 6pts (597, 104.6). 2, S Bekaev (Kaz), 699 6 (596, 103.5); 3, J Siem (GB), 699 1 (595, 104.1, British finals record)

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Poole 50, Reading 58, Ipswich 58, Poole 50. Second division: Long Eaton 61, Sheffield 47. Middlesbrough 47, Newcastle 61, Sheffield 51, Long Eaton 57.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Parke (Eng) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak), 15-10, 17-15, 11-15, 14-15, 15-11, Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-9, 15-8, 15-3; B Marrin (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 15-13, 7-15, 15-8, 15-1; R Martin (Aus) bt G Wilson (NZ), 15-11, 15-4, 15-4

TENNIS

NEW YORK: US Open qualifying: Selected: Women: First round: E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt M Javer (GB), 6-3, 6-2

WASHINGTON DC: Women's tournament: First round: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M J Fernandez (US), 6-2, 6-4; Manuela Maleeva-Fragnère (Switz) bt L McNeil (US), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

SCHENECTADY, New York: Men's and women's tournaments: Men: Second round: I Lendl (US) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; T Enqvist (Swe) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; R Fromberg (Aus) bt K Carlsen (Den), 7-5, 6-2; C Costa (Sp) bt P Haarhuis (Hol), 6-2, 7-5.

Women: Second round: L Neiland (Lat) bt C Porwik (Ger), 6-2, 7-6; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt S Hack (Ger), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; N Tauziat (Fr) bt Shi-ting Wang (Taiwan), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt E Zardo (Switz), 6-1, 6-1

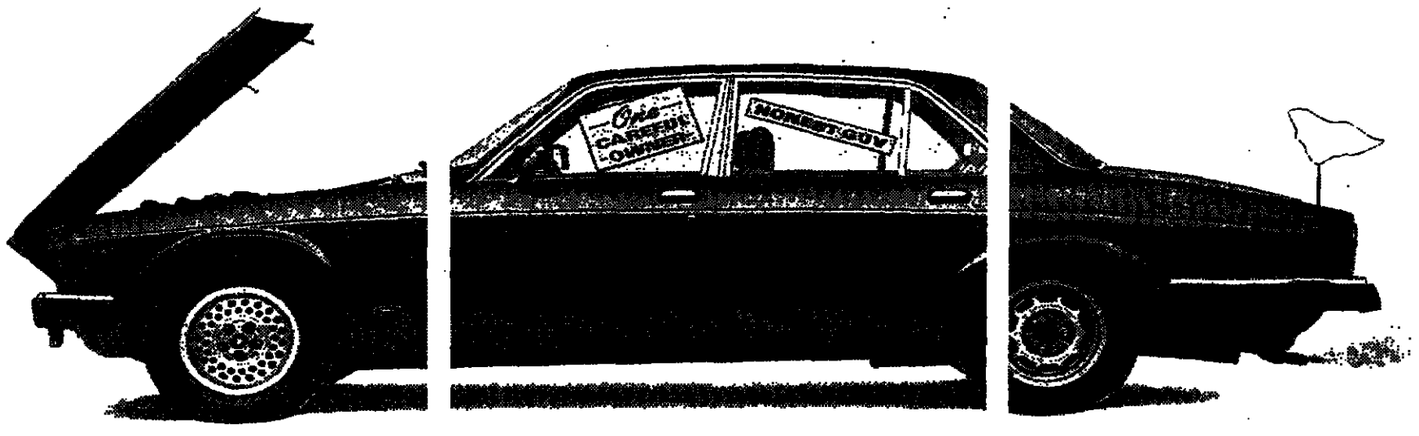
COMMACK, New York: Men's tournament: Second round: M Rosset (Switz) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; G Ivanesevic (Cro) bt C-J Steeb (Ger), 6-2, 6-1; L Mattar (Br) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-4, 6-4, C Pioline (Fr) bt M Stich (Ger), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

YACHTING

TOPPER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1, S Cleland, 2, E Wright; 3, D Miller; 4, T Wills; 5, A Snell; 6, G Wright.

LAKE COMO, Italy: Laser 2 world championships: Final positions: 1, R and S Ford (GB), 2, A McMillan and J Mears (GB), 3, P Kaicha and J Meada (US); 4, P Wells and R Dean (US); 5, A Beackman and W Cromwell (US); 6, H and J Gilmore (Ire).

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New dawn eases pain of a nation's sorrow



Andrew Longmore is struck by the force of the emotion that is helping Zambia build a new football team



Porterfield leads the applause as the new Zambian side shows its skills in preparation for its push for a place in the World Cup finals. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Even on a foreign field, many miles from the graves of their friends, the tragedy is close enough to touch. Distance is no barrier to emotion for the new national football team of Zambia. Though a gentle victory against an amateur side in Holland before a crowd of 300 this week was a far cry from their heroics in the World Cup, every leap and tackle was invested with grief. It will always be so.

Just as the Munich air disaster has shaped the considerable history of Manchester United, April 28, 1993, the day 18 members of the national squad were killed in a plane crash in Gabon, has already proved a watershed for Zambian football. "They will never leave us," Freddie Mwila, the coach, said. Many of the present team still cannot refer to the crash by name. They call it simply "that thing". None can talk about it without faltering.

"When I heard the news, I just couldn't move. I didn't know what was happening," Wedson Nyirenda, one of the senior players, recalled. "One of those who died, John Soko, was like a brother to me. But the people have helped us. They support us all the time now, not just when we're winning, and we have felt the sympathy of the whole world."

Four months on, the healing process has already begun. The Zambian nation has channelled its emotion into a footballing crusade, lifting the team to the brink of the World Cup finals, and the seemingly outdated notion of football as a universal language has been revived not just by countless offers of outside help but by the fact that one of the architects of the new team is white and speaks with an accent not readily identifiable among the 70-odd tribal dialects of Zambia.

Ian Porterfield has spent much of a long career in the engine room of League football, as a player for Raith Rovers, Sunderland, Reading and Sheffield Wednesday and as a manager at Rotherham, Sheffield United, Aberdeen, Reading and Chelsea. But if he ends his temporary role as national team manager of Zambia by qualifying for the United States next summer, he will be elevated to a status on the streets of Lusaka way above that bestowed on the scorers of cup-winning goals by the people of Sunderland. By accepting the offer of a four-month contract, sponsored by the British High Commission and the Zambian business community, Porterfield, 47, has come closer than most to understanding the true meaning of Bill Shankly's famous quotation. The rough graves of the Gabon victims lie alongside the national stadium in Lusaka, a reminder to all who pull on the green shirt of their country that football can indeed be a matter of life and death.

Before every home match, the team bus files past the makeshift cemetery and Porterfield, a product of the hard knocks school of football, has been overwhelmed by the strength of feeling. Even the country's president, after giving the team its pep talk, dons his scarf and joins in the ritual.

"It's unbelievable: 35,000 people chanting 'Zambia, Zambia'," Porterfield said. "Everyone is standing and clapping. Everyone is pulling together for the team. By the time kick-off comes, I'm so wound up I'm saying: 'Give me a shirt, I'll play'. Football has become more than life and death to these people. It's so precious. Everyone wants to play — for their village, their town and their country."

Instinct and a touch of disillusion after being unceremoniously sacked by Chelsea last season prompted Porterfield to take up the post. His brief was simple. Qualify for the African Nations Cup and for the World Cup finals.

The first mission has been accomplished. To achieve the second and provide the only fitting epitaph to the dead, Zambia need to get three points from their last two matches, at home to Senegal at the end of this month and away to Morocco in early October.

"It is so much more important because of the tragedy anyway," Porterfield said. "But the World Cup would be a launching pad for the future. There is so much raw talent in the country. You need the money to finance a programme of development and organise a strong structure."

When he arrived in Lusaka, Porterfield found a nation determined to gain from its sorrow. "It was easy for me because I came in from the outside," he said. "All the coaching staff and the players knew the ones who died, not just as footballers but as close friends. That has created a great spirit of togetherness. Suddenly, a group of young boys have been given a huge responsibility. So far, they have done brilliantly."

One of the tough Scot's more delicate tasks was to temper that spirit with the hard footballing facts. Sentiment has never won a match. But he was acutely aware that the traditional methods of cajoling wizened old professionals into life might upset the balance of the national pysche. "I couldn't take a big hammer and hit them with it. I had to adapt, take my time, explain things quietly and influence people.

"What has surprised me has been the discipline of the players both on and off the pitch. They're right on the button all the time and that is something I didn't expect."

Travelling round the country, Porterfield has also been struck by nostalgia for his own boyhood in the mining village of Lochgelly, near Dunfermline. "It took me two weeks to work out, but what I have seen in Zambia has taken me back to when I was young, playing on the streets. No kit and no boots. It's just like 35 years ago."

In preparation for the final qualifiers and as insurance for the future, the Zambians have been touring Holland and France over the past month, listening to Porterfield's persuasive tongue and learning new ways. "It's been a good experience, a chance for us to get outside our country and forget a little what has happened, but also to improve our physical fitness and consistency. Ian is a very disciplined man," Nyirenda said.

A heavy schedule of friendlies against varied opposition has given Porterfield and his assistants the chance to assess

> 'Football is more than life and death to these people. Everyone wants to play — for village, town and country.'

the next generation. Players such as Tenant Chilumba, a lanky midfielder, or the little full back, Happy Sichikolo, picked by Porterfield himself from the ranks of young boys kicking scrap paper balls round the villages of the copper belt in the north, the richest seam of talent in the country.

"We're creating something for the future," Mwila said. "Since the tragedy, everyone has become crazier than ever about the team and the enthusiasm has given the younger players a goal. They want to be like the ones who have gone."

Win or lose, Porterfield's duties end in October when he wants to return to League management. Before then, he has two matches to win and a legacy to leave. "When I've finished, I'd like to be able to say, "I did something there". Not just qualifying for the World Cup, but taking them down the right road, maybe an inch or a mile."

For Wedson Nyirenda, there is no question of defeat now for the World Cup mission. "It is going to happen."

Victory for Middlesex puts pennant in sight

By Ivo Tennant

COLCHESTER (second day of four): Middlesex (20pts) bt Essex (4) by seven wickets

IN ALL but arithmetical certainty, Middlesex are county champions. Only Northamptonshire have the slightest hope of depriving them and their distinguished captain who, appropriately, guided them to victory with the highest score of a match in which there were all too few innings of double figures.

In fact, Gatting has rarely batted with such freedom all year. In the course of his unbeaten 76, made off only 82 balls, he reached 1,000 first-class runs, for him exceedingly late in the season. This will be the third time Middlesex have been champions under his leadership, which puts him on a footing with his predecessor, Mike Brearley.

The extra half hour was not required, to say nothing of the extra two days. Middlesex bowled out Essex for 153, 73 of which were made by Hussain, and needed just 30 overs and five batsmen to make the necessary 135 runs. "Essex have given us a hard time over the last couple of years," Gatting said, "so it was particularly nice to get one back on them."

There were 11 fours and a six in his innings, which was all the more necessary since Haynes and Feltham, opening because Roseberry had earliernot taken the field through injury, went cheaply to Stephenson's medium pace. Gatting will be celebrating over the weekend if Northamptonshire do not win their match against Leicestershire.

As only two batsmen made half-centuries here and Harry Brind inspected the square only two seasons ago, there were suggestionsthat this pitch might be reported. Batsmen inevitably had a more jaundiced view of it than bowlers, given the movement off the seam and, yesterday, a fair amount of spin. But the umpires will not be taking any action.

Only two Essex batsmen made scores of note in their second innings, chiefly because they did not allow the bowlers to suppress their attacking intentions. The partnership of 63 in 29 overs between Hussain and Garnham ultimately only prolonged the match.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX: First Innings 148

Second Innings

*G A Gooch c Brown b Cowans	4
J P Stephenson c Cowans b Emburey	10
P J Prichard lbw b Cowans	5
Salim Malik lbw b Fraser	1
N Hussain c Brown b Tufnell	73
†M A Garnham lbw b Cowans	23
T D Topley st Brown b Emburey	8
M C Ilott c Ramprakash b Emburey	5
D J P Boden c Ramprakash b Fraser	5
P M Such not out	4
J H Childs b Fraser	1
Extras (lb 12, nb 4)	16
Total	153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-17, 3-20, 4-60, 5-123, 6-129, 7-140, 8-141, 9-151.

BOWLING: Fraser 14.1-7-27-3; Cowans 15-5-28-3; Feltham 3-1-13-0; Tufnell 21-8-39-1; Emburey 23-9-36-3.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 167 (M C Ilott 6 for 42)

Second Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Stephenson	3
M A Feltham c and b Stephenson	17
*M W Gatting not out	76
M R Ramprakash lbw b Topley	35
J D Carr not out	2
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts)	135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-20, 3-113.

BOWLING: Ilott 8-0-36-0; Stephenson 9-1-27-2; Childs 5-0-23-0; Topley 5.1-1-20-1; Such 5-0-27-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and B Dudleston.

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Horton likely to join Manchester City

By Peter Ball

MANCHESTER City lost no time in their pursuit of a successor to Peter Reid as manager. John Maddock, the newly-appointed general manager, set off on a trek down the motorways of England at 5.30 yesterday morning and, before lunch, was able to announce that a replacement had been lined up.

The announcement, however, concealed more than it revealed. Maddock has refused to name the man until his present club has completed its game this afternoon, in agreement with the other club's chairman.

However, it emerged last night that Brian Horton, the manager of Oxford United, was the most likely appointment at Maine Road after a number of other leading candidates ruled themselves out of contention or were ruled out by their chairmen. Horton, in charge at the Manor Ground since October 1988, when he took over from Mark Lawrenson, had previously managed Hull City after a playing career that included spells at Brighton and Luton Town.

"I have spoken to a club chairman and have secured the release of his manager, who will be coming to Maine Road," Maddock said yesterday. "I have promised the chairman and the manager concerned that no announcement will be made until tomorrow."

That statement ruled out Steve Coppell and Terry Venables, who received widespread support in a survey of City supporters on a local radio station yesterday morning. Others, including Gerry Francis, Mick McCarthy, Martin O'Neill and Brian Little, were unavailable.

"I would like to make it clear that I do not break contracts and will therefore fully honour my commitment to Queens Park Rangers this season," Francis said. "Hopefully, that ends all speculation about Manchester City."

The chairmen of Leicester City and Millwall, who meet at Filbert Street this afternoon, were also adamant that Maddock had not contacted them about their respective managers. Little and McCarthy.

Maddock, meanwhile, was in ebullient mood: "I can tell you that I am delighted to have landed a manager of this pedigree and our fans will feel the same because we have appointed a true professional who is going to help put Manchester City back on the football map," he said.

Three other leading managers — Joe Royle (Oldham Athletic), Dave Bassett (Sheffield United) and Lou Macari (Stoke City) — who might fit that description, were all thought to have been ruled out, although all found support with one or other section of the City board.

The speed of the announcement of the club's twelfth manager in the reign of Peter Swales, the Manchester club's chairman, supported the suspicion that an approach had been made to a possible replacement before Reid's dismissal on Thursday.

Last night, the Manchester City players lined up to take the blame for the club's bad start as they prepared for the FA Carling Premiership game with Coventry. They left Maddock in little doubt about their feelings over his criticism of lack of spirit.

"I think I've played under six managers in my time at the club," David White, the England Under-21 forward, said, "and I don't think it would do anybody any harm if the managers here lasted a little longer. At least it would give us some stability."

Whoever does come in will also face the same problem of a lack of money to buy players that caused the breakdown in the relationship between Swales and Reid. Although, when Maddock was appointed, Swales insisted that the management team headed by Reid would be given a free hand over transfers, I understand there is unlikely to be much more than £2 million available.

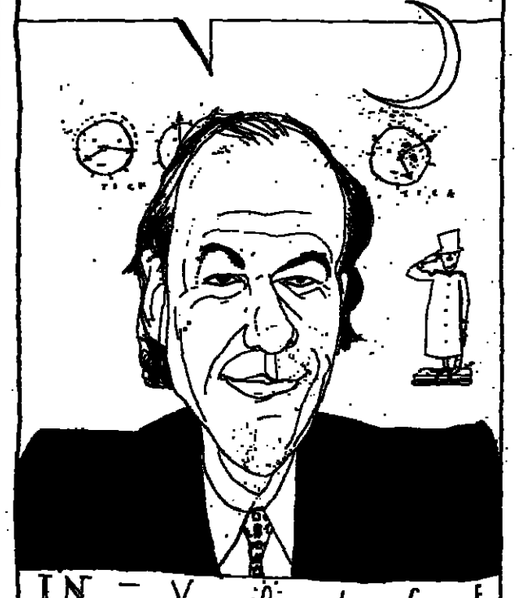
With Andy Sinton costing Sheffield Wednesday £2.75 million from Queens Park Rangers last week, that is not enough to transform a team.



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Fossils get into showbiz

Roll up, Britain's museums are turning into theme parks. **Richard Morrison** does not know whether to laugh or cry

If they ever open a Museum of Useless Facts — they have museums of everything else, after all — you will surely find the following information. By visiting two museums a day you could get round every museum in Britain in three years. True, it would be a bizarre lifestyle. But you would meet some nice fossils.

Britain has nearly 2,500 museums. At the last count, that is. Since 1960, new ones have sprouted at the rate of 30 a year, so it is difficult to be precise. Second useless fact: 74 million people visited a British museum last year. In fact, six million visited *the* British Museum. So Gershwin was wrong: the BM has *not* lost its charm.

Not only do we have more museums per square inch than anybody else, we are the undisputed champions in the Eccentricity Hurdles. I have passed by the Fakenham Museum of Gas and Local History, but never had the nerve to go in. I have been struck dumb by Holkham Hall, Norfolk, where someone with a genius for non-sequiturs has brought together, in one room, stuffed birds and 19th-century theatrical posters.

I have heard it said that in the Fenland Museum, Wisbech, can be found fish-hooks, flints, fossils... and a first edition of *Great Expectations*. It is this freakish unexpectedness that makes Britain's museums so fascinating. Why spend all that money going to Disneyworld? In Jarrow they have Bede's World, dedicated to the Venerable old fellow himself, and backed by the Church.

We owe our great museums largely to those much maligned people, the Victorians. But their ideals are not ours. "Teach these boys and girls nothing but Facts. Facts alone are wanted in life." That was Gradgrind in *Hard Times*, and you can imagine something of the same austere spirit permeating the Victorian museum: art, relics, facts, being presented in dusty cases, bereft of context or passion, to be observed in silence.

If museums had stayed like that, we would not have 2,500 today. But museum bosses have realised that their institutions must shed their forbidding image or die. "Many of them crouch like Gothic beasts in our town centres, intimidating all who dare to enter," said Professor John Last, chairing a Museums and Galleries Commission working party in 1991.

"Standards of display in many museums are still appalling," fretted the MGC a year later. And a survey by the London museums to find out why people were not visiting them, was called "Dingy places with different kinds of bits".

Other factors spurred change. In the 1980s the government forced a climate of "self-help". Admission charges were introduced — disastrously at first, as attendances dropped by as much as 40 per cent. Curators were encouraged to wise up to the wicked old 20th century by taking crash-courses in marketing. And there were some famous crashes. Remember the V&A's darkest hour, the ghastly "ace caff" advertising campaign?

But there were also spectacular successes. Towns discovered they could make a virtue out of industrial decline by converting a disused mine, factory or mill into a museum: suddenly, they were tourist attractions. Morwellham Quay — a former copper mine in Devon that has been virtually reincarnated as a Victorian village, to the edification of thousands of visitors each week — is a classic success story.

And there are ambitious plans afoot. The Royal Armouries, long crammed into the Tower of London, is planning a new £40 million museum in Leeds for 1996. The National Maritime Museum has a £57 million expansion programme. And the Natural History Museum — tired of being known as the place which has 67 million exhibits, all dead — has plans to go into "zoo mode". It will build a £35 million walk-through aquarium that will bring you "nose to nose" with the fish. I just hope they stop short of encouraging visitors to stroke the fish, a curiously unnerving sensation which I experienced at a trendy sea-life centre near Oban. The fish were none too excited, either.

Even more radical than the planned new buildings is the sea-change in presentation. Museums have become user-friendly. Competing for the same "leisure pound" as theme parks, zoos and cinemas, they have gone into showbiz.



NEIL COOPER

Morwellham Quay in Tavistock, Devon, once the greatest copper mine in the empire, now boasts a recreated Victorian village attracting thousands of visitors each week

The new buzzword is "interactive". For instance, if little Dean wants to pretend to be a Roman soldier stationed at Hadrian's Wall, that's fine: Tullie House in Carlisle has a 15ft-high replica of the wall, a replica crossbow he can fire, a Roman silver mine he can safely disappear into.

And Daddy wants to play at being Thomas Telford? No problem. The National Waterways Museum in Gloucester will let him build bridges and haul canal-boat pulleys to his heart's content.

Even the big institutions are catching on. Madame Tussaud's has opened a £10 million "Spirit of London" ride that whisks punters briskly through London's history. Similarly, the Tower of London's new attraction, the "Medieval Palace", has experts dressed in 13th-century garb, and 13th-century replica quills and chess-sets to help the punters get that Middle Ages feeling. This is the theory, anyway.

Then there is the "Spielberg factor": museums cashing in on the media event of the moment. Did you think it was a happy coincidence that the National Maritime Museum mounted its "Pirates!" blockbuster at exactly the time when Spielberg's *Hook* was released? Or that the Natural History Museum is marketing its dinosaurs so furiously this summer?

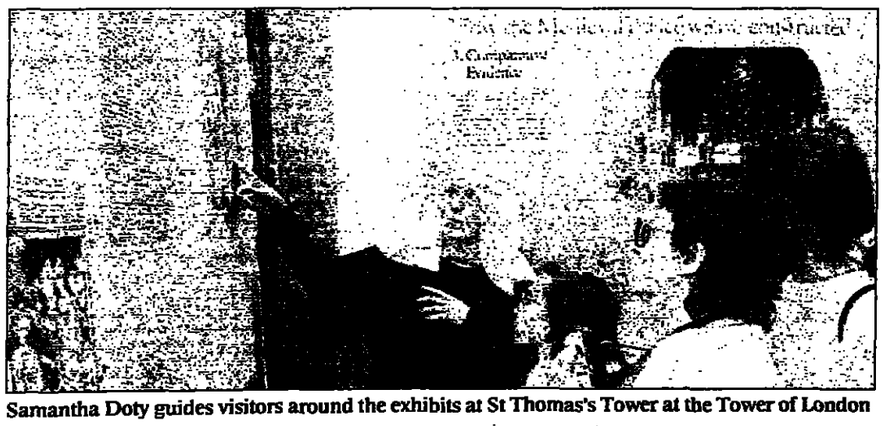
Plenty of museum people think that commercialism and an obsession with accessibility have been carried too far. They claim that museums are becoming degraded as centres of research, conservation and scholarship. The public cannot tell the difference any longer, they claim, between the dinosaur theme parks out to make a quick buck by throwing together a few plastic stegosaurus replicas in a field — and the Natural History Museum, which has the real thing.

The critics also point out that the real key to accessibility — proper museum education services — has not been enhanced in recent years. Quite the opposite. Manchester city council recently slashed its museum education support from £200,000 to £68,000. And the great university collections are under particular threat.

Some sensationalist slogans being used to sell serious subjects certainly seem questionable. The bizarrely named "Winston Churchill's Britain at War Theme Museum" in London, for instance, promises that "amazing Universal Studio style special effects" will help the visitor "experience the laughter, toil and tears of the Blitz". Oh, and a lot of people died, kids, but don't let that spoil your day.

Last month's *Museums Journal* carried a caustic article by Peter Jenkinson, the head of museums in Walsall, which summed up these fears: "We appear to be moving away from the ideal of access for all, to a new environment where access is dependent upon the ability to pay; where the establishment of programmes is based either on cynical, spurious or snobbish assumptions about what would be popular, or on the sponsorship that might be available; where subsidised museums that do not attract large audiences are seen as an unaffordable self-indulgence ... Three-minute culture has come to museums."

Exaggerated gloom from a professional defending his corner? Perhaps. Museums are certainly far livelier places than they were when I was dragooned on to school-trips to observe Saxon spoons in dreary rooms. But I do wonder whether, in this brave new world of hands-on exhibits and high-tech databases, the spirit of the Fakenham Museum of Gas and Local History will survive. I must visit it next time I pass.



Samantha Doty guides visitors around the exhibits at St Thomas's Tower at the Tower of London

Holiday activities? Give me a break

WEEKEND VOICE: Mary Killen



Holidays, mini-breaks, days out ... are we actually capable of enjoying them? Why do the tears of laughter keep on rolling with each repeat transmission of *Fawlty Towers* if it is not because so many of us identify with the manic Fawlty and the extra-manic state that anything to do with relaxation or holidays is inclined to throw us into?

There are two types of holiday and perhaps this should be recognised. There is the rest-cure and battery-recharging holiday. Then there is the see everything/do everything/I must get my money's worth because I won't be on holiday next week type of holiday.

I dropped in on my local travel agent this week, confident that I would find her falling over herself with eagerness to offer me a selection of unsold bargain holidays which would, by the very nature of their cost, serve as battery-recharging holidays. Two weeks in Turkey for £239 for example — as she offered me in 1991. "Quite honestly, Mary, if I can call you that, it's cheaper than staying at home."

But this year no such scenario. Indeed, "we are frantically busy, Mary. Frantically. And we're taking bookings now well into next year and people are asking for more and more — terrible word — upmarket holidays. And they seem to be prepared to spend more and more money on them."

So that puts paid to rest-cure holidays until the next recession starts. This was something of a blow as the two weeks in Turkey for £239 had constituted one of the best holidays I'd ever had. The reason? Not the ancient Lycian sites of Pinara and Patara, not the unspoilt mountain villages into which no television rays had ever beamed and which could be reached only by half a day's journey on donkey back, but the fact that the holiday was so cheap that I did not feel guilty not to be spending each day struggling through the dust and heat towards these beacons in order psychologically to recoup some of the outlay we had made on the airfare alone. The holiday was reduced from £1,000. I lolled back by the pool reading and having enough sleep. As a result I looked four or five years younger on my return.

Yet can you bring yourself to "waste" time on a holiday when you have only got one week and you have paid a fortune for it? One year we shared a cottage in Scotland with a man so obsessed with catching a salmon while he had "this unique opportunity" of a week on a theoretically good river, that he turned his holiday into a threat situation. He rose at an increasingly early hour each morning and flogged up and down the river all day not catching a thing. On the last day he rose at 4am. We were all praying he would catch something to "retrieve the holiday", as his wife gloomily put it. But he did not.

When he was accused, halfway through, of "wasting" his holiday, he looked surprised. The hunter-gatherer instinct is still powerful, although frozen salmon are available from Bejam, and, as his wife pointed out, it is "small wonder that fishing is the country's largest participation sport. A man can pretend he's doing something useful and conveniently absent himself from child-minding and food-preparing duties."

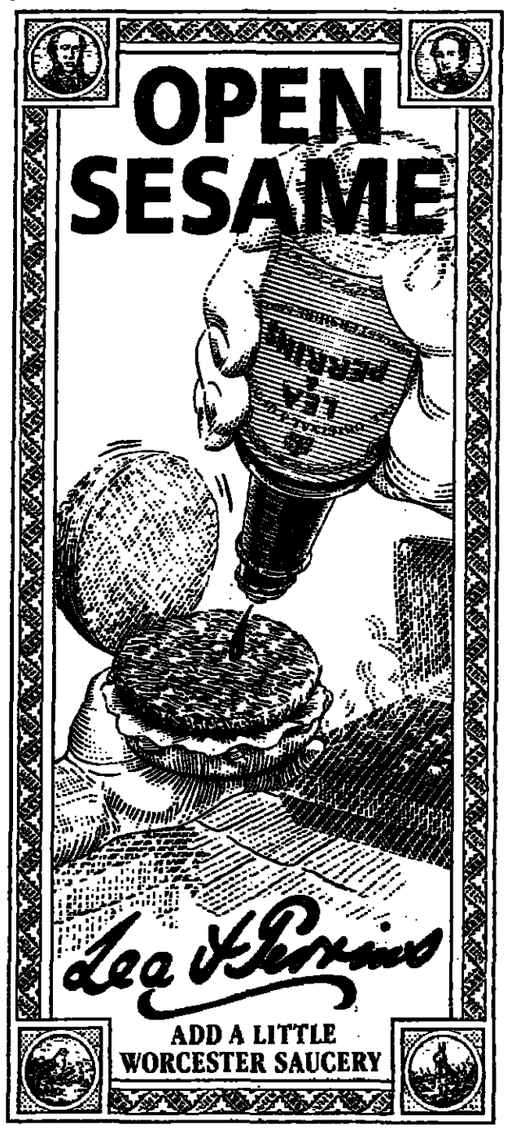
Apart from finding a bargain, last-minute-booking, low-cost holiday, one other method of ensuring relaxation is not to hire a car. My husband reduced me to tears when we went to Connemara and Galway. He kept going "just a few more miles ... just round the next corner", etc. More and more spectacular headlands kept coming into view but I had got bumping and swerving fatigue, which led to the dreadful condition of beauty fatigue, from which I hope never to suffer again.

One of the best things about taking a cruise ship up the coast of Norway is that not only do you have an average of three or four hours only to explore the various ports of call on the way up to the Arctic Circle, but it is a perfect holiday for Basil Fawltys, as there are only one or at most two things in each Norwegian small town to look at. And no matter how manic you get you have to be back at the boat at the required time or it will leave without you.

My age group and older have memories of childhood holidays spent doing the same thing day after day, trudging over sand dunes to the same places, building sandcastles, eating hard-boiled eggs and coming home after being rubbed down with a sandy towel while your teeth chatter.

Now our obsession with not wasting time has led to a boom in activity holidays for children. At the end of their week, they can have acquired the skill of building a coracle or laying a hedge, rather than having recovered from the taxing demands of their school life.

How nice if we could retrain ourselves to think of just being, rather than doing, on a holiday. As Hazlitt said: "Walking should never be confused with exercise." In the same way holidays should never be confused with work.



Camping should not be the poor relation of the holiday business, says **Stewart Tendler**. With the right equipment, even the weather cannot spoil the fun

Canvassing options

Sailors excepted, few holiday-makers note weather reports with such morbid fascination as campers. Forget overworked money dealers and high-flying businessmen: if you want real stress, try a night under canvas with the steady drumming of a downpour over your head, hour after hour, and the stretch and surge of the canvas as the wind rises and falls.

Terrible questions invade the horror-struck mind as something unknown flaps mysteriously in the sodden murk beyond. Is the tent canvas sufficiently waterproof to resist what the Meteorological Office described last night as a series of passing summer showers? Are the guy-ropes taut enough to keep the whole creaking structure up?

With the return of the traditional British summer, camping becomes one of those activities indulged in the same masochistic spirit as cold baths, English cuisine and warm beer. The pleasure lies in the triumph of fortitude over suffering. It has been portrayed as a mark of the sturdy island breed and surrounded with the same sort of perverse romanticism. Loud, stout and self-assertive men in ridiculous shorts relive their Scouting childhoods, marching from the bivouac each morning to climb yet another peak or sit with rubicund wives methodically chewing nourishing nut cutlets: a sort of alfresco *Sylvania Waters*.

The Times writer who noted, in August 1933, when camping was enjoying its first boom, that "its healthiness and its informalities, once tasted, are too pleasant to be generally renounced" was not entirely mesmerised by the fresh air and exercise. The counterpoint to the awfulness of trying to prepare breakfast in the teeth of a north-westerly gale is a warm, quiet evening by the side of a gurgling river as the sun sets over the Yorkshire Dales.

No telephones ring and no passing jetliners drop with ear-splitting frequency into Heathrow. There is a sense of peace, a National Trust stone bridge and woodland within a couple of minutes' walk. The peaty brown Ribble rolls through Stainforth from the high hills of Pen-y-ghent, Ingleborough and Whernside. Sand martins roll and wheel in the air and the only disturbance is the bleat of sheep high on a hill above.

Walk out of the camp into the hills and you will hear curlews calling somewhere in the grass. The only other sound is the breeze in the single telephone line. A cow licks a newborn calf and a farm cat slinks along the top of a dry-stone wall protected by some feline self-conceit of invisibility.

All this for £37 for six nights on a well-run site, equipped with shower block, washing and washing-up facilities and shop. An investment of less than £700 in equipment, including a four-berth French-made tent, small trailer, cooking and sleeping gear, has buttressed five years of holidays, which, in all, have cost about £150 in site fees.

Meals produced on two small cookers using gas cannisters are basic but filling. The tent, designed with an inner sleeping area complete with groundsheet, is warm, reasonably spacious and easy to erect. After a little practice, two people can get the camp up in less than 20 minutes.

The Camping Club of Great Britain reports an increase in the sale of tents in the past few years as holiday-makers hit by recession look for an alternative to more expensive holidays. The club estimates that 120,000 new tents were sold last year.

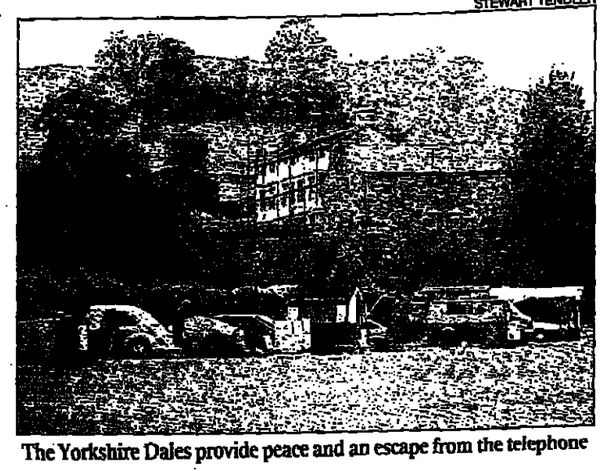
Started in 1901 in response to the new fad of camping and cycling tours, the club caters for a holiday still linked to mobility. At one end of the market are the solidly shod backpackers who appear each evening, swiftly put up lightweight small tents based on a geodesic or hoop design and then walk off into the mists the next morning.

Motorists travel with a multitude of designs, from modest tents built around a frame to wonderful contraptions which fold into a trailer and come with hot and cold everything. Small two-person tents start at less than £100. Frame tents can cost £500 or more, and the tents built round a trailer can cost £6,000. For those who want to taste the canvas experience, some companies will hire out equipment.

There are about 10,000 sites in the British Isles. They range from a piece of grass and running water to large areas with swimming pools, bars and restaurants. Sites exist as far north as John O'Groats and as far south as Jersey. The West Country is thick with them and they are all over Ireland.

Few have yet reached the standards of the Continent. French and German sites can be quite luxurious and demonstrate the point made by some camping enthusiasts that there is no reason why camping should be regarded as the poor relation of holiday choices. Modern equipment includes refrigerators, heating systems for tents and showers. The advice from the experts is not to stint oneself and always, like the good Scout, be prepared.

STEWART TENDLER



The Yorkshire Dales provide peace and an escape from the telephone

Let off the rein in Spain

Jane Bidder takes the children on a holiday that sets the parents free

Delays at airports are invariably frustrating, but with three children, all over-excited and tetchy from their 5.30am wake-up call, our two-and-a-half-hour wait was exhausting. Did we need a holiday? Did we just.

And we got it. As soon as we glimpsed the pale peach Hyatt hotel — the Principe Felipe — we knew it was going to be all right. The hotel has marble floors, bright wallhangings, sofas to sink into, ramps and lifts for pushchairs, a cool indoor fountain, terrace for barbecues, bellboys in white sunhats and a Royal Suite, furnished in the hope that the Spanish crown prince (after whom the hotel is named) will drop by.

Of course, you can get all this in other five-star hotels: what makes this one different is the attitude towards children. The hotel is part of the Hyatt resort, known as La Manga Club, in the province of Murcia, southern Spain, which includes a children's activity camp run by trained staff; two mini-golf courses; three championship golf courses (one of the professional coaches is Vicente Ballesteros, brother to the famous Seve); 17 tennis courts; swimming pools; gym; saunas; spa baths; and a village of apartments (ranging from studios to three-bedders plus dishwasher, washing machine and maid service).

Among the collection of restaurants, my favourite was Luigi's, an informal red-checked-tablecloth establishment where the Italian waiters had a genuine love of children (even those who knock over the wine carafe).

A striking green and white minibus, known as the *guagua* (pronounced "wow wow") transports guests around the complex, free of charge.

The surrounding countryside is beautiful. La Manga is set in a valley of striking hills, a 10-minute drive from the sea. The roads are bordered by gardens of lush green turf and bursts of pink and red flowers.

The golfing turf was the reason many of our fellow guests were there. While they sauntered off with clubs slung over their shoulders, their children toddled off to Camp Hyatt, the activity club for three to 12-year-olds.

Until we visited it, I had reservations: I have booked holidays on the strength of activity clubs before, only to find they were run by gormless 15-year-olds. Camp Hyatt is different. Based in a cool, purpose-built building, it incorporates a nursery playground and is next to a mini-golf course. Staff speak impeccable English and have the quiet confidence of trained nannies or teachers (which is what they all are). There are about three staff to 15 children.

Camp Hyatt resembles a good nursery school with its activity tables for Plasticine and colouring; two Wendy houses indoors and a video. Catherine, 10, from London, had been there for every one of her nine days so far. "I like the treasure hunts," she said, polishing off a birthday card for Lola Perez, one of the staff, who was 27 the next day. Eight-year-old Michael was cutting out shapes. "Yeah, I like it here" he said nonchalantly.

Later, I met his dad by the pool. "The children beg me to send them there every day," he said. "They really like it. And it gives us a proper holiday. It's not a cheap vacation but, frankly, it's worth the cost."

Some parents were so impressed that they did not venture from the camp, pools, tennis or golf courts. We pushed further afield, which is tricky if you do not have a car. We were ripped off by a taxi (£6 each way for a 10-minute journey) to Los Balones, where there is a street market on Tuesday mornings. But it was worth it. We had a marvellous time jostling among the stalls, which sold everything from silk scarves to shoes and Spanish pottery, at a fraction of the cost back home.

The church was sadly *no abierto* (open afternoons only) but to see real religious grandeur, you need to drive to Murcia (half an hour away), where there is a breathtaking Gothic cathedral with Renaissance additions. The stonework is intricate — a cool contrast to the heat outside — and among the opulent paintings is a 14th-century altarpiece, "Virgin of the Milk". Murcia also has a 19th-century bullring, so admired by the French that a replica was ordered for the Paris Exhibition in 1889. When you want a rest, you can sip coffee at one of the many outdoor cafés.

Other good trips include the cove at La Manga (ideal for shell-seekers and mini rock climbers but watch the steep drive down) and the Reach Club (water-skiing, pedaloes and boat-watching).

Teenage-tracking is yet another pursuit, given the variety of adolescent activities, ranging from sport to clubbing on the Manga strip.

Some people who come here never go home, like the carpenter from Lewisham who initially came out for a few weeks in February and now works on the complex — seduced by the money and climate.

After such an exhausting itinerary (I forgot to mention the flamenco and Spanish lessons by the hotel pool for holidaymakers of all ages), a night in does not come amiss. No need for persuasion here: the massive satellite television in their adjoining room was bribery enough for our brood, as was the shop downstairs, which hired out children's videos.

We even dined out alone once, thanks to the video and a hotel baby-sitter (a 30-year-old Spanish woman who was fluent in English after an au pair stint in Surrey).

Yes, it was a holiday. But it ended with another airport delay with the children becoming fractious, which seemed worse, because we were not waiting to start the holiday, but to end it. And, a week later, I am still grappling with holiday washing. But at least I did not have to make a bed or mop a kitchen table for a whole week.

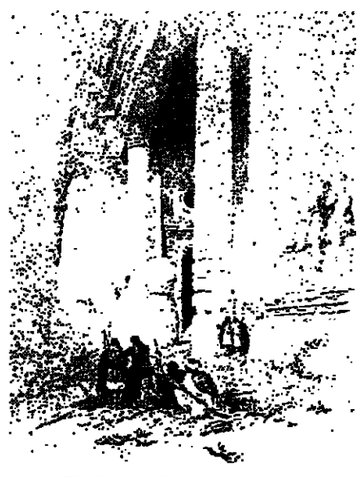
And yes, we would go again.



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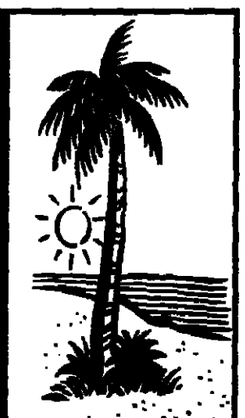
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FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY



I do not want to hear any tittering from my fellow organic farmers. I do not want to see any of you stuffing handkerchiefs in your mouths to try to stifle guffaws: nor do I wish to discover you behind your barns doubled up with laughter. One of us is enough. My sides are still splitting, my torso aches, and it was that loud-mouthed Norwegian who was to blame. It is now over a week since he cast a midden-like slur on our former agriculture minister, but it is still giving me deep pleasure.

It is not personal. It is simply that the department of which he was head until fairly recently has announced its grand support plan for organic farming: and although it was the new incumbent, Gillian Shephard, who mouthed the words, we must assume she was doing no more than unveiling the edifice that Mr Gummer had designed.

His legacy is not a happy one for organic farming. Within the package of environmental measures is the proud boast that new subsidies to convert to organic will "treble the amount of organic land under production". I am reminded of the theatrical agent who, when asked if his client would consider a part for a miserly fee, replied, "Quite frankly, my boys don't get out of bed for less than a grand!" It is the same with farmers: they do not start their tractors for the paltry sums on offer. As an inducement to give up his chemicals, it is about as persuasive to a conventional farmer as putting a penny on a bottle of whisky would be to a hardened drunk.

Now, it is perfectly clear that in order to win the cash prizes in the government's latest environmental game, you need to have been a "shit-bag" (old Norwegian expression) of the highest order for the past 26 years. If you grubbed out the hedges, they will reward you by paying you to put them back; if you drained the river and sea-marshes to grow more corn that nobody wanted, they will fill your cup till it runneth over — provided you stop doing what nobody wanted you to do in the first place. In fact, if you add up all that land that you put under the plough, they will now ask you to set it aside — do nothing at all with it — and you can still watch the money rolling in. It is like the clearing banks clubbing together to provide train-robbers with a pension.



And where stands the organic farmer in all this? None of his environmental awareness or sensitivity has been rewarded. Organic farming, through the standards now agreed throughout Europe, is the most regulated farming in the world. We are subject to regular and random inspection (which conventional farms are not) to ensure that we are growing crops in the manner we claim. Our rules lay down standards of animal welfare far in excess of any I have seen anywhere else, and they are enforced. We know to the square inch how much space chickens should be given, and pigs: organic animals are guaranteed elbow room. We are even told during which periods of the year we should trim hedges; we are forbidden to "drain wetlands of significant conservation value" and "styles of hedging and stone walling (must be) in keeping with local surroundings". Is none of this worthy of any reward?

But I have been part of the organic scene long enough now not to expect too much too quickly. It is like being an ambitious member of the luckless Liberal party. We get the warmest of welcomes on the doorstep; we surge on the crest of a wave of public support that we think will take us to victory: our leaders tell us to "return to our farms and prepare for government"; but when it comes to the vote, we are still there at the bottom of the pile. I am still seething at the snub handed out to us at this year's Royal Show. The new minister, Mrs Shephard, and her dog, the environment minister, Mr Gummer, could not even be bothered to make so much as a nod to the organic food and farming display. Talk about passing by on the other side.

Perhaps the organic movement is lacking a leader who can capture the nation's imagination with our vision of a less damaging system of farming. The Prince of Wales has always been a good ambassador and a fine example, but his scope for speaking out is clearly limited.

If I had to vote for anybody, it might be that loud-mouthed Norwegian. The problem with organic farmers may simply be that we are just too nice. Perhaps it is time to start talking dirty.

Going in to bat for the field cricket

Jessica Gorst Williams reports on the plight of a piece of the English summer that is on the verge of extinction



Mike Edwards, consultant entomologist to English Nature, releases crickets into the wild

The cricket season is ending. The scoreboard is still up on this West Sussex pitch, but the last thud of willow against leather was heard a week ago.

So what is cricket enthusiast Mike Edwards listening for with such concentration as he sprawls halfway up the bank?

Gryllus campestris is the answer, the field cricket. It makes its high-pitched chirrup by rubbing the base of its wings together. This song, sung only by the male, is one of the rarest sounds in Britain today. The insect is so extraordinary that you can almost believe it has chosen this spot by a cricket pitch so it can bow out with a pun. Mr Edwards, consultant entomologist to English Nature's species recovery programme, is here to see that it does not.

This is one of only three surviving colonies of field crickets in Britain. The insect, recorded by the naturalist Gilbert White in the 18th century, is flightless and has a browny bee-like skin with a yellow band around its neck. The edge of its habitat is in southern England, and, unlike commoner kinds of cricket — such as the house cricket — it is seldom found north of Hampshire, Surrey and Kent.

Its decline in the past 35 years is the result of changes in land management. The field cricket's milieu is fast-draining sandy soil or chalk grazing land. This is ideal for making their burrows, which they construct by clearing roots with their jaws, then compacting the soil with their legs. They need a mixture of undergrowth to cover the burrows and bare patches in front of the burrow entrances where the males sing and where both sexes bask in the sunshine.

A colony, 200 to 300 insects on average, needs an area of several hundred metres and the sub-adult nymphs have changing needs through the stages of their development.

Insects used to thrive on headland, Mr Edwards says, "such as the places where ploughing horses used to turn, or grass verges when sheep or cattle grazed there, until this practice stopped in the 1930s."

"Endangered species have very precise habitat requirements," says Dr Andrew Deadman, project leader for English Nature. "An important part of our programme is to try to re-establish the conditions in which the species lived." One way the organisation helps the field crickets is by encouraging mowing procedures that mimic grazing.

Weather patterns are more intractable. Every stage in the nymph's development depends on its size, and it is sunshine that makes it grow. At the start of the spring the nymphs are just 2mm long. They develop through a series of moults — splitting their skins and stepping out of them. They need to be 12 or 13mm before they construct burrows, 14 to 15mm to overwinter. It is a race against time which the ones in the wild may not win this year. "A whole colony died out here because they didn't complete their cycle before winter in the wet summer of 1988," says Mr Edwards.

This is why last year London Zoo was called in. "They are used to rearing animals from a small genetic pool," says Dr David Sheppard who is species officer at English Nature. Next week Mr Edwards will take a tank containing about 200 well-developed cricket nymphs that the zoo has reared, and release them into a habitat which he hopes is as perfect as he can provide.

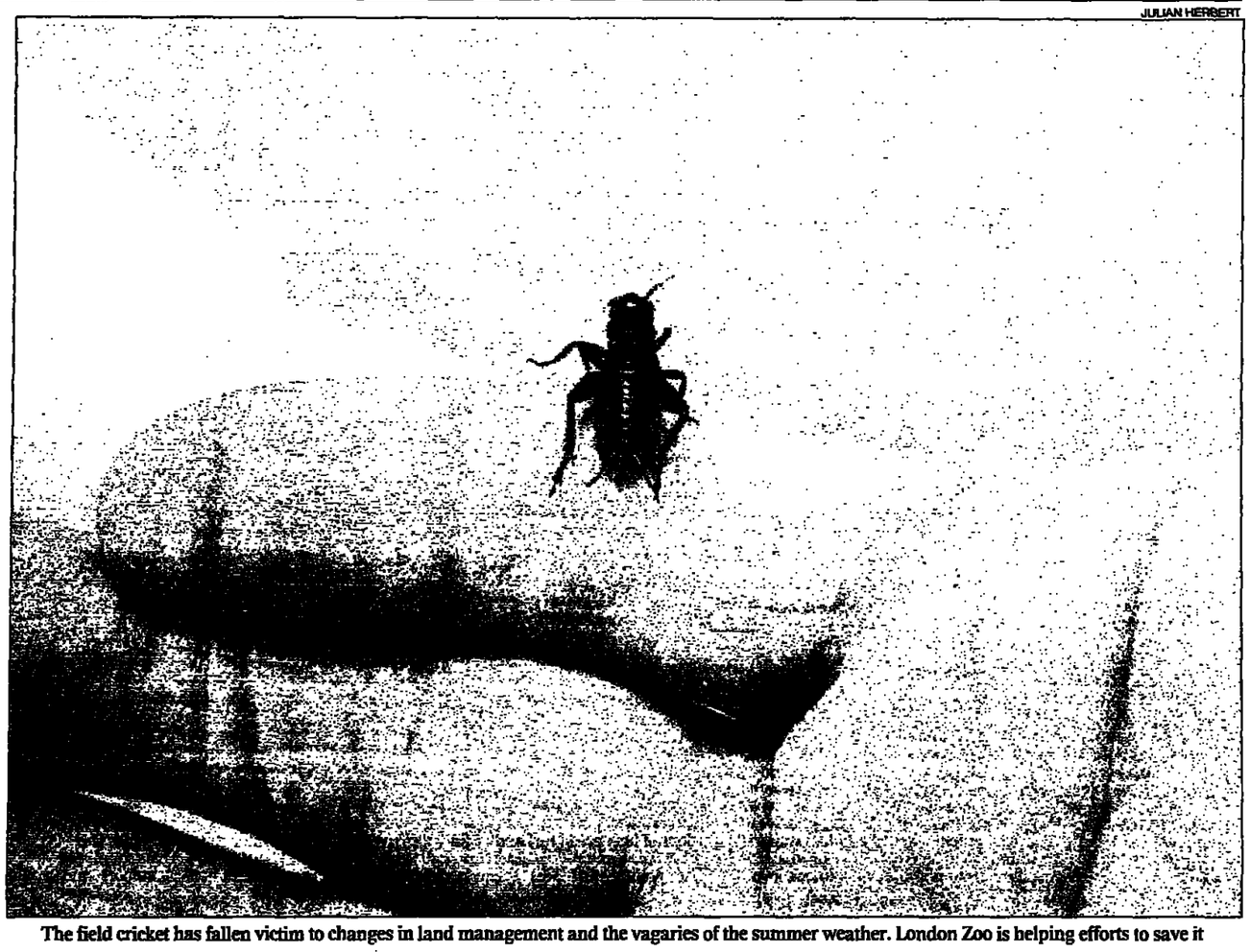
Paul Pearce-Kelly, head of the Invertebrate Conservation Centre at London Zoo, is in charge of the captive-breeding side of the project, with help from Victoria Silverton. "We have all sorts of projects relating to foreign species," he says, "so it's nice to be playing a role in preserving our own fauna."

To encourage the nymphs' growth, each incubator has a light bulb over it. The nymphs are surrounded by egg boxes, herbs, root vegetables, apples and stinging nettles.

"They are real sweeties," says Miss Silverton. "What would England be without their chirruping? Not only are we conserving the species but also their call, which is part of our culture. A sound of English summer."

Just like leather on willow.

JULIAN HERBERT



The field cricket has fallen victim to changes in land management and the vagaries of the summer weather. London Zoo is helping efforts to save it

Feather report

Mud, glorious mud

If you get up early, in the village of Cley on the Norfolk coast, you will see a strange sight most days now. In the half-light of dawn, shadowy figures, well wrapped-up against the morning chill, are winding down the street. They have long, dark instruments resting on their shoulders, and remind you irresistibly of Brueghel's winter hunters setting out.

But these weapons are not guns, but telescopes; and the hunters are sea-watchers, heading for the high bank and the shingle to do a dawn watch for autumn migrants. Far out at sea they will hope to detect an arctic skua clipping the waves — a brown hawk of the oceans on its way south, after a summer spent harrying the gulls in their colonies and stealing their food. If the watchers are very lucky, they may see a great skua — a really hefty bird — or even a rare pomarine or a long-tailed skua. Bobbing among the waves there may be a black-necked grebe, a small intrepid diver into the choppy water.

The sea-watchers are hardy, devoted bird men and women, happy to sit there with their flask and sandwiches through long, barren hours. It is better for the more restless bird-watcher to go looking at waders, which are now flocking down the British coasts wherever the mud stretches out between sea and shore. The east coast has the greater numbers, because so many birds come in across the North Sea. Blakeney, a little north of Cley, is one of many excellent places to be now.



In its summer plumage, the grey plover gleams in the mud

At low tide there are broad mud flats covered with birds — but one must be careful venturing on to them. The tide comes in quickly by many channels. Once when I was trying to get a closer view of a grey plover, I had to leap back fast over streams in the mud that were suddenly filling up behind me.

One can very easily be lured on by a grey plover, because it is such a beautiful bird. It has brilliant silvery upper parts separated by a white line from its black face and breast, and it positively gleams against a background of mud and seaweed. This is the summer plumage, which in many birds is now giving way to a duller silvery-grey all over; but in late August there are always some that have not yet changed colour. In flight, they are reasonably easy to identify because they have a conspicuous black "armpit", and also a distinctive alarm call of three piping notes.

Many other waders are already present in large numbers, and passage will continue until October. The rippling cries of curlews can be heard at any time of day or night, and their portly figures can be seen probing in the distance at the water's edge. Ringed plovers run across the wet sand, then stand stock still: these small white-collared birds like to patter up and down with their orange legs to attract prey to the surface.

Dunlin are among the commonest of the waders: they are small sandpipers with chestnut backs, and a black belly if they still have their summer feathers. In some years, there is a considerable passage of curlew sandpipers, which are very like dunlin, but have the downcurved bill of the larger bird they are named after.

One migrant wader I particularly like is the ruff (or reeve, in the case of the female). In summer, the males have extraordinary black or orange feather-boas round their necks, but by now they are quite plain and modest-looking again. However they are wonderfully delicate birds, moving gently through the shallow water on long, red-dish legs, with soft brown plumage that glows pink in the evening sun. They are among the most sympathetic characters in this play with a cast of millions that is currently being staged on our shores.

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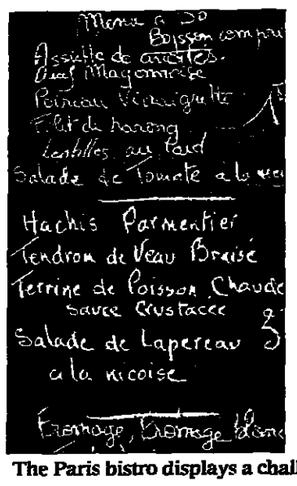
In France you need about £10 for a first-class meal out; in Britain you need a fat wallet. **Fiona Beckett** seeks the reason

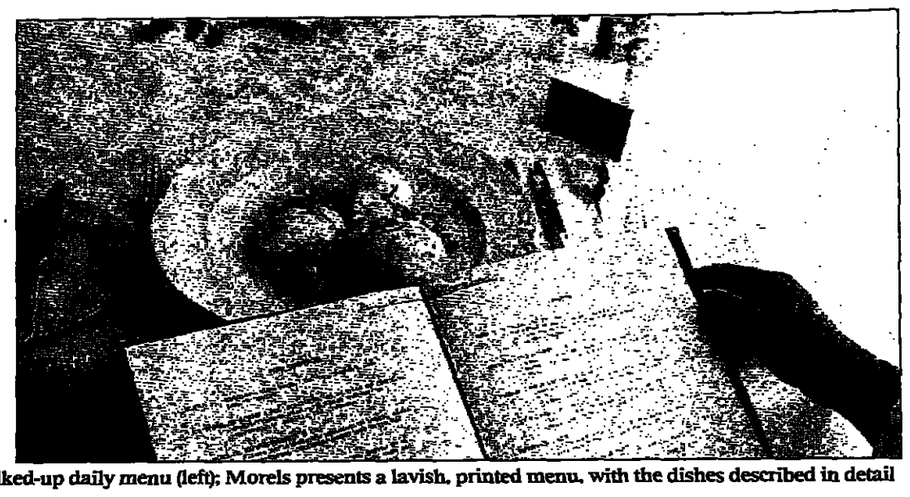
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At L'Ebauchoir bistro in Paris (left) the customers are happy with a simple decor; at Morels, in Haslemere, Surrey, run by Jean-Yves Morel, diners expect elegant furnishings and tables laid with expensive glasses, plates and cutlery

Why make a meal of dining out?





The Paris bistro displays a chalked-up daily menu (left); Morels presents a lavish, printed menu, with the dishes described in detail

It's a classic Francophile plaint that in any small town in France you can easily find a comfortable restaurant offering a first-class meal for under £10, while in Britain you need a guidebook, and a fat wallet.

In my home town of St Albans, Hertfordshire, with a population of about 50,000, it is possible to eat pizzas, burgers, Greek, Indian and Chinese food but only mediocre modern English cooking, except in a couple of hotels, where the cheapest three-course dinner costs about £20 a head.

True, British attitudes to food differ from those of the French. Rather than set aside a couple of hours for lunch, we snatch a sandwich — unless we're having a business lunch, in which case we expect a good deal of bowing and scraping and thick-pile carpets (all of which have to be paid for).

In France, it's not uncommon to find the local builder and electrician earnestly discussing the latest Michelin-starred restaurant they visited. In Britain, that's a pastime reserved for the middle class.

Duncan Bradbury, an Australian and managing director of Les Routiers who sees eating out patterns on both sides of the channel with an outsider's eye, is struck by the differences in attitude. "In Britain, there is a legacy from the industrial revolution, when people migrated from the villages to the towns, of little or no interest in food," he says, "whereas the French kept their agrarian roots much longer. There it's acceptable for restaurants to cook with quite meagre ingredients — to serve home-made brawns and pâtés or use fish heads in a *soupe de poisson*. They stick to local produce, which helps to keep down the cost".

René Capdevila and Cathy Mathieu are typical French restaurateurs. Between them they do all the cooking, waiting and clearing at the Auberge Minervoise, a simple family hotel in southwest France, which has been in Mme Mathieu's family for three generations. The basic FFr50 (about £5.65) menu typically includes hors d'oeuvres, a generous helping of roast pork and potato purée and choice of pudding with a pichet of wine. For FFr70, the main course might be a *canard aux oranges* or for FFr95 an *entrecôte Roquefort*. Plain, well cooked food. "The regulars want what they always have," Mme Mathieu says.

Most British customers would feel shortchanged if offered something so simple or traditional. Outside London, any restaurant aspiring to be more than a café feels obliged to provide a large à la carte selection and several helpings of vegetables: these alone can cost as much as 25 per cent of the meal.

"If you tell people when they ring up that you offer a fixed-price menu they think you're taking them for a ride," says Richard Smith, chef-proprietor of the Beetle and Wedge, a pub he and his wife Kate have converted to a stylish restaurant on the Thames at Moulsford, Oxfordshire. "You have to say that it includes turbot or halibut, otherwise they imagine you're offering them all kinds of rubbish."

The British attitude that eating out has to be a special occasion means that surroundings must be smart. At Morels, in Haslemere, Surrey, Jean-Yves Morel cooks the kind of food the French would be happy to sit on hard benches to eat, yet his restaurant is lavishly decorated with wall-to-wall carpet, draped curtains, elegant furniture and tables laid with expensive glasses, plates and cutlery.

"In Britain, people's priorities are 60 per cent about atmosphere and 40 per cent about food," he says. "In France the reverse is true."

There are also differences in the commercial climate between the two countries. Property is generally more expensive in Britain. Exact comparisons are hard to make because the value of the business is a factor in any re-sale price, but whereas M Morel reckons his restaurant alone is worth about £400,000, the proprietor of a French restaurant of similar standard, M Ryngel of *Mon Rêve*, just outside Nantes, in western France, reckons his would fetch between FFr 1.3 million and FFr 1.8 million (about £147,000 to £226,000).

More significant is the cost of borrowing to the British restaurateur. In France there is a special catering industry fund which offers loans at a rate of 7 per cent. In recent years loans have been more than double that in Britain. In August 1988, when the Smiths bought the Beetle and Wedge at a cost of £1.25 million, interest rates were running at 11 per cent. By the following April they had gone up to 17½ per cent. "We were having to make £12,500 a year just for the privilege of being here before we even started paying wages or any outgoings," Mrs Smith says. "It was a nightmare."

Rates in Britain have accelerated sharply since the introduction of the business rate. The Smiths now pay £15,808 compared to £5,300 when they bought the Beetle and Wedge. If they were buying the property now the rate would be still higher — £20,608. The structure of business taxation in France is different but M Ryngel pays only FFr30,000 (about £3,400) in *taxes professionelles*.

While other outgoings appear to be broadly in line, the French restaurateur has one other advantage over his British counterpart: government support for apprentices. In France the training of M Morel's sous chef Mercy Fenton, who this year was awarded the title of Young Chef of the Year, was paid for by the government. Here it is a cost M Morel has to bear.

In spite of the difficulties, some British restaurateurs have proved it is possible to succeed by keeping prices down. French-born Pierre Levicky has seen his Edinburgh-based Pierre Victoire chain expand rapidly on the basis of a slap-up three-course lunch for £4.90, service included. He takes a robust attitude to decor and furnishings. "Our policy is to offer a good plate of something freshly cooked at a price people can afford. The surroundings are not of importance. We usually spend £5,000 to £10,000 on decor where most restaurants will spend £200,000 to £300,000. You don't have to spend a lot of money on a chair. People are not going to look at their chairs while they eat.

"Too many owners think of their restaurant as a kind of ego trip. They want to have a certain kind of customer. They employ a chef. In France the people who own a restaurant are the ones who work in it. If you're a caterer you know you're going to work 15 hours a day minimum for six or seven days a week. Here, it's impossible to imagine someone wanting to do that."

There are signs that more people are prepared to. In London, prices are falling as more and more restaurateurs see the benefits of bringing in more customers. But what may finally change many out-of-town restaurants is pressure from pubs, where home-cooking is flourishing.

Now, is there anyone out there who would like to open a good, cheap restaurant in St Albans?

● *Auberge Minervoise, Aigues-Vives, 34210 Olonzac (010 33 68 91 23 82). Beetle and Wedge, Moulsford, Oxfordshire (0491 651381). Mon Rêve, Route des Bords-de-Loire, Basse Goulaine (010 33 40 03 55 50). Morels, 25-27 Lower Street, Haslemere, Surrey (0428 651462). Pierre Victoire has branches in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Ayr, Glasgow, Inverness, London and Bristol. For details, phone 031-667 2366.*



Ruthie Rogers (left) and co-chef Rose Gray

Chefs: Rose Gray and Ruthie Rogers.
Born: Bedford, England, 1939, and Woodstock, NY, USA, 1948, respectively.
Restaurant: The River Café, Thames Wharf Studios, Rainville Road, London, W6 (071-381 8824).
Present: Theirs is the mainstream Italianate *restaurant in London*, inspiration to many imitators, and progenitor of several *small concerns now growing* Italian herbs, salad leaves, and varieties of vegetables specifically to meet their requirements.
Past: Originally intended *as an office canteen for the* 200 people working in the Richard Rogers Partnership at the Thames Wharf development, the River Café remained unoccupied because nobody could meet Sir Richard's exacting

DISH OF THE DAY

requirements until, in 1987, his wife, Ruthie, and Ms Gray, newly returned from Nell's Club in New York, turned it into one of London's most fashionable restaurants.
Future: "This November *we go to Italy to choose our* three olive oils for next year. We are intent on *encouraging small* producers who provide us with authentic Italian *ingredients just as we want* them. Next year Macmillan is publishing *The River Café Cookbook, and we will be* redesigning and re-equipping a glamorous, totally open *kitchen, in order to expand* our repertoire."
Personal: Both "love travelling around Italy, eating, drinking, trying to discover new restaurants and sources of supplies". Ms Gray, whose husband is David Maclwaine, the sculptor, says her passion is salling to secluded spots and having barbecues on rocks. Mrs Rogers's passion is "Richard".
Dish: Summer *ribollita*, made with fresh cannelli and borlotti beans, lots of sweet-smelling summer herbs (basil, thyme, savory, marjoram, oregano), Swiss chard and borage leaves, and liberally dosed with extra virgin olive oil. "This is the traditional thing which Italians eat out of paper bowls at their *festas* at the end of August"; at the River Café it costs £5.50. A full meal with wine costs about £32 at lunch, £40 at dinner.

ROBIN YOUNG

GREAT OUTDOORS
RSJ Brasserie
13a Coin Street, London, SE1 (071-928 4554)
After almost a year's negotiations, Lambeth council has permitted Nigel Wilkinson to enclose his frontage in Stamford Street with railings, giving space for 25 to sit outside, *Robin Young writes*. The head chef Ian Stabler's dishes for *al fresco* eating include plum tomato and black olive tart, Roquefort cheesecake, RSJ's own chicken sausages, and scallop and mackerel kebabs. There is a great wine list, concentrating on the Loire. Mon-Fri, noon-3pm and 5.30-11pm; Sat, 5.30-11pm.

TWO WHEELER
La Rueda II
642 Kings Road, London, SW6 (071-384 2684)
Luis Garrido and Hyinio Eijo opened the first La Rueda (Spanish for wagon wheel) at 66 Clapham High Street (071-627 2173) in 1987, and so popular were its large *tapas* portions and 50 Spanish wines that it doubled in size in 1990. Now La Rueda II has opened near World's End, with the same formula, and music and dancing in the evenings. Average spend: £12-£15. Mon-Sat, noon-3pm and 6.30-11pm; Sun, 1-10.30pm.

FOUR NATIONS
Atto's
11 Charlotte Street, London, W1 (071-631 0895)
For six years Atto Rafique has had a shop in Heath Street, Hampstead, selling ready-prepared dishes, and the range proved so popular it was taken up by Harrods and Selfridges. Now Atto and her husband, Toto, have taken over and transformed what was Zorba's Greek restaurant, and offer "food of four nations": Indian, Chinese, French and Italian, with cream cakes to follow. Set lunch, £7.50. Mon-Sat, noon-3pm and 6pm-midnight.

ROYAL CONNECTION
The Royal Oak
The Square, Yattendon, Berkshire (0635-201325)
Graham Newbould, recruited as the Royal Oak's head chef, was with the royal household in the 1980s, cooking at four palaces and castles, and aboard the royal yacht Britannia. Later, he became chef to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Kensington Palace and Highgrove, in Gloucestershire, before moving to gain, and retain, a Michelin star at Inverlochy Castle, Fort William, in the Highlands. He recently completed a term at the Treasure Beach Hotel, Barbados. Great things are expected. Open noon-2pm and 7.30-10pm (bar meals only on Sunday).

RESTAURANT WATCH

Victoria's crowning takeover raises a cheer



Jane MacQuitty analyses the merger of two high-street wine giants

The purchase of Augustus Barnett by The Victoria Wine Company for £40 million on August 3 was not another death knell for the high-street wine customer. Far from it. As I mentioned here more than a year ago, the then rumoured takeover could well be the best thing the high-street has seen since Brian Barnett sold out his company, to Bass Charrington, the brewers.

Victoria Wine's policy of growth by acquisition has brought 543 Augustus Barnett shops and about 450 different listed wines: few outlets, in my experience, carry anywhere near this amount. Together with Victoria Wine's 973 shops, including 141 Haddows outlets in Scotland, the new deal creates a 1,516-shop empire. Its strongest competitor, the Thresher group's trio of Thresher Wine Shops, Wine Racks and Bottoms Up is slightly larger at 1,595.

But VW still looks set to become the biggest high-street "wine specialist", as it likes to term itself, after the all-powerful supermarkets.

The only sadness is that Augustus Barnett was allowed to fall so far by Bass. In Brian Barnett's heyday, particularly the early to mid-1970s, the policy was "pile it high, sell it cheap", and there were some amazing bargains, especially on his small, fine wine list. The Bass era of Augustus Barnett ownership was characterised by lots of the brewer's own wines on the shelves, including lacklustre selections. Bass's recently revamped second-growth Margaux property, Château Lascombes, of which an impressive seven 1980 vintages are still listed has long been the jewel in its wine shops' crown.

Victoria Wine gradually has become the fastest-growing wine specialist by far, excluding the supermarket share. The latest year's figures, up to the end of March, show Victoria Wine up by 11 per cent on the year before. This gives it an important 15 per cent of the take-home specialist wine market, again excluding supermarkets' shares (the latter lead with 70 per cent of the total take-home wine sector among them. The Thresher group has 10 per cent, Sainsbury's 8.9 per cent and Tesco 8.8 per cent.

Victoria Wine has achieved its healthy result in a recession by giving wine drinkers what they want and can afford: plenty of good wines at cut-prices — a change of direction, led by its canny marketing man, Thomas Woolrych, backed up by three women wine buyers. The company can now move faster than many other high streeters, because of its EPOS-equipped sales-monitoring tills, standard in most supermarkets but rare elsewhere.

There is a world of difference, too, in the quality and range of wine stocked by Victoria Wine and Augustus Barnett. Victoria Wine, with 500 different bottles on its master list, stocks 50 more than Augustus Barnett, but the gems appear to be well distributed.

Champagne is a Victoria Wine strength and includes the delicious, fruity, cut-price Paul d'Hurville, cheap at £9.99, and the top drawer-offering '83 Dom Perignon at £61. Sparklers include the fresh, citrusy Marquis de la Tour Brut from France (£4.19). French country wines include Hugh Ryman's best and decent pink wines, such as the redcurranty '92 Château La Jaubertie (£4.99) and raspberry-scented '92 Syrah Rosé from Fortant (£3.79).

Because of Victoria Wine's Bordeaux connections, via its parent company, Allied Lyons, it has a strong list of clarets and offers such treats as the rich, truffly '86 Clos du Marquis (£21.25) plus plenty more *cru classe* bottles. Its burgundy — via Louis Jadot, another Allied agency — is ahead of most of the other high-street outlets, with one of the few good, under-a-fiver white burgundies, the splendid, nutty '92 Charles de France Bourgogne Chardonnay (£4.99).

Look out, too, at Victoria Wine for a fine estate-produced crop of German wines including the much-admired '86 and '88 vintages.

Given that Victoria Wine has only just bought out Augustus Barnett this month, it is hard to predict the direction the company will now take. My hunch is that the weak Augustus Barnett trading name is unlikely to continue much beyond next spring.

Perhaps the clever thing to do would be to follow Thresher's example and dream up a new, top-drawer wine outlet, such as Wine Rack, keeping Victoria Wine for the middle level of wine shop and perhaps even retaining the cheap and cheerful Augustus Barnett façia for the lowest rung of the market.

Victoria Wine's secret weapon in this huge task has been the acquisition in June of Adrian Lane to head its wine division. Previously the top man at Tesco's wine department, and one-time arch enemy of Sainsbury's where he also worked, Mr Lane is likely to do his job well and with vigour. Good news again for those who buy their wines in the high street.

BEST BUYS

● **1992 Pfalz, Durkheimer Spielberg Riesling Kabinett:** *Oddbins £5.49.*
The Kurt Darting Winery produced this delicious silky, grapy-flowery riesling. Try its soft sweetness with strawberries.
● **Bulgarian Country Wine Sliven Merlot and Pinot Noir:** *Waitrose £2.75.*
Bulgaria's best cheap red, packed with lucious, ripe plummy fruit.
● **1992 Tyrell's Old Winery Chardonnay:** *Sainsbury's £5.95; Thresher, Winerack and Bottoms Up £5.99.*
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A little chilli for the season

Frances Bissell looks to the tropics for ideas on keeping cool in the summer



The TIMES COOK

SUMMER in the city can be pretty steamy. Cool down with light spicy food, as there is nothing better than a burst of chilli on the palate to revive flagging spirits and tastebuds.

In London, south Indian vegetarian food appeals when the weather is hot. In Paris, tables spill out on to the pavements from Vietnamese and north African restaurants: cool *nems*, Vietnamese spring rolls, are dipped into chilli sauces, and lamb grills are dipped into *harissa*.

Manhattan offers a wealth of spicy food, but food from the South West or Mexico tempts me most, washed down by a bottle of cold Mexican beer. In the heat of a Hong Kong summer, Sichuan food is the answer. In Bangkok, where it's hot and steamy all the time, a deceptively delicate salad is what you see being eaten at the pavement food stalls or in smart Thai restaurants. Hidden chillies give it a powerful bite.

I have taken some of these ideas and flavours and adapted them to small, unusual dishes, which do not have particularly indentifiable culinary pedigrees. Nevertheless, the flavours go well together and are not, I believe, in my colleague Jonathan Meades's memorable phrase "witlessly international". The dishes are fun to make, appealing to look at, and good to eat. A long, late summer weekend is just the time to try them.

You will realise, having done one or two of them, that they are very adaptable. Rare slices of roast beef can be heaped on the poppadom, and you can add a little horseradish to the sambol. The salad can be made with cooked chicken or pork, or blanched vegetables. The fruit soup is just as good made with tropical fruits as late summer fruit. Cod or whiting and prawns can replace crab in the first recipe.

If you want to drink wines with this food, look for young firm red wines, or full-bodied whites, such as muscats and Gewürztraminers from Alsace. Otherwise, drink whatever cools you down.

Crab cakes with chilli sauce

(serves 6-8)

3oz/85g fresh breadcrumbs
2tbsp walnut or olive oil
2-3tbsp full-cream milk
1tsp English mustard
½tsp mild paprika
½tsp Worcester sauce
¼tsp Tabasco
dash of Angostura Bitters
juice of ½ lemon
1tsp freshly ground black pepper
2tbsp freshly grated horseradish
1lb/455g white crab meat
2 free-range eggs, separated
butter or olive oil for frying

Soak the breadcrumbs in the oil and milk. Mix the rest of the seasoning ingredients, including the horseradish, and then stir in the crab meat, the soaked breadcrumbs and the beaten egg yolks. Mix thoroughly. Whisk the egg whites to firm peaks, and fold into the crab mixture. Form into small cakes, and fry in oil or butter until golden brown. Serve with wedges of lime or lemon, and garnish with fresh coriander.

Make a mayonnaise, flavoured with mustard and lemon juice. Snip in some chives or spring onions and fresh coriander leaves, or crush them with salt, and stir in to give a good green colour to the sauce. Seed, and finely chop some green or red chillies, and add to the mayonnaise.

Poppadom with warmed smoked salmon, cucumber, chilli and mint sambol with mango chutney

(makes 6)

Make the sambol first. For this you will need:

2 cucumbers
1tbs salt
1tsp sugar
several sprigs of fresh mint and coriander
freshly ground black pepper
1-2 small green chillies to taste, deseeded and chopped
1-2tbsp desiccated coconut, toasted
lime juice

The other ingredients are:

6 poppadoms
1½lb/680g smoked salmon, in a piece
1 *jar mango chutney*

Cut ends off the cucumbers, and peel lightly with a swivel-blade peeler, leaving on enough green for colour. Split the cucumbers down the middle, and discard the seeds. Thinly slice the cucumber (I use the slicing blade of the food processor). Put in a colander, set over a bowl and sprinkle with salt.

Leave for an hour or two, then rinse well and squeeze dry in a clean teatowel. Strip leaves from the herbs, and put in a food processor or mortar. Grind to a paste with the sugar, pepper and chillies. Mix paste, cucumber and coconut together, and add the lime juice and further sugar or salt to taste.

Slice the salmon fillet vertically into 18 pieces, cutting from the surface down to skin

Fry or grill the poppadoms according to directions on the package. Place one on each plate. On a hot, greased griddle, or large frying pan, warm through the salmon pieces, or keep them cold if you wish, and place three on each poppadom.

Spoon on a heap of mango chutney and one of cucumber sambol. Serve immediately.

Thai-style beef and omelette salad

(serves 6)

Make the vinaigrette first. For this you will need:

2tbsp soy sauce
1tbsp rice or sherry vinegar
1tbsp toasted sesame oil
1tbsp lime juice
1tsp grated ginger
1 *stalk of lemon-grass, sliced*
1-2tsp brown sugar
2-3 lime leaves, or grated zest of a lime

Now for the main dish:

3 free-range eggs
1-1½lb/455-680g grilled skirt steak, rare or leftover rare roast beef
¼lb/110g bean sprouts, blanched
4 spring onions, trimmed and sliced
a few sprigs fresh coriander, mint and basil leaves
fresh red or green chillies to taste, deseeded
2oz/60g toasted peanuts, roughly crushed

Bring the liquids to the boil, pour over the ginger, lemon-grass and lime leaves or zest and sugar. Let it steep for 30-60 minutes, much longer if you prefer, and sieve into a jug.

Next, make three very thin omelettes, each with one egg. Allow to cool slightly, and then roll up and cut into strips, the width of tagliatelle. Slice the beef, and mix with the beansprouts, onions and omelette strips. Chop the herbs and chillies, and mix into the salad. Dress with vinaigrette, and scatter peanuts on top. Serve immediately.

Oriental fruit soup

(serves 6)

1½pt/850ml water
4-6oz/110-170g demerera or palm sugar
2tsp jasmine tea
lemon-grass stalk
3 cloves
1in/2.5cm ginger, peeled and sliced
small cinnamon stick
thinly peeled zest of an orange and its juice
3tbsp rice wine or Amontillado sherry
1-1½lb/455-680g prepared red and purple fruits, such as plums, red-skinned apples, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries

for garnish: toasted flaked almonds

Put water and sugar in a saucepan over low heat. When the sugar has dissolved, bring to the boil and drop in all the seasonings, except the orange juice and wine. Simmer for five minutes, add juice and wine, strain and chill. Put fruit into shallow soup plates, pour the aromatic syrup over it, scatter on the almonds, and serve immediately,with five-spice almond crisps.

Five-spice almond crisps

(makes 24)

4oz/110g ground almonds
½oz/15g rice flour
7oz/200g caster sugar
1tsp *five-spice powder*
2 free-range egg whites, lightly whisked

Line two baking sheets with rice paper. Mix together the dry ingredients, and fold in the egg whites until thoroughly blended. The mixture can be piped or spooned on to the baking trays. Leave plenty of room for the mixture to spread.

Bake at 180C/350F, gas mark 4 for 20 minutes or until a pale golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. These are delicious with ice creams, sorbets, mousses and custards, even on their own.

DIANA LEADBETTER



Long view of shortbread

The scion of a famous biscuit family is going it alone, an idea that is far from half-baked

TOM KIDD



Anthony Laing, a natural biscuit maker, likes to get his hands deep in the dough

When Anthony Laing's father first heard that he was leaving the family firm to run a small biscuit manufacturing company, he nearly hit the roof. "You bloody idiot", or words to that effect, was all he could utter before the line went very quiet. Not the most encouraging parental response, but understandable when your father is head of the country's largest biscuit-based conglomerate and you have just declared independence.

However, Lord Laing, of United Biscuits, quickly calmed down and, ever since, has been one of the Shortbread House of Edinburgh's greatest enthusiasts. Perhaps he sees a new biscuit empire in the making. After all, his son is only following in the footsteps of his great grandfather, Alexander Grant, an industrious young baker, who, in 1898, invented a new biscuit. He called it the digestive — and the rest is history.

Mr Laing and his wife, Fiona, a former merchant banker, now own one of Scotland's most dynamic small businesses. The distinctive blue and gold boxes contain a crisp, buttery shortbread that exemplifies traditional Scottish baking at its best. Shortbread is something you mess with only at your peril in Scotland, and while the inclusion of rice flour may raise a few eyebrows, it is an ingredient that Mr Laing insists gives crispness. All Scottish grannies agree, however, that shortbread is only as good as its ingredients, and on this, Mr Laing does not compromise. He uses strong wheat flour, sugar, vegetable shortening for lightness and best butter for flavour. The biscuits are all hand-made, and the quality is reflected in the price, about £4.65 for a 500g tin of fingers.

Although a mere crumb in the big-biscuit league, the company's growth has been satisfyingly steady, and last year it achieved a turnover of £380,000. However, Mr and Mrs Laing want to keep a prudent Scot's eye on expansion, gradually building up their distribution and exports. As Mr Laing points out, "This is so labour-intensive that we can only train a few staff at a time. It's important that we don't suddenly double our turnover, as it would be impossible to maintain quality."

He was brought up to treat biscuits with due respect. One did not joke about such things in the Laing household. Mrs Laing recalls her surprise when she first visited his parents, "You didn't get toast for breakfast, you got biscuits. When they came to us, I had to hide any biscuits made by a rival firm. I couldn't understand this until I had biscuits of my own!"

Mr Laing began his working life at United Biscuits, cooking Wimpeys in their Brussels branch, before coming back to work in Pizzaland and run the Edinburgh chain of Crawford's cafés.

However, 14 years on, he decided major corporate life was not for him, and looked round for independent possibilities in the food world. In 1989, when he heard that Anna Wilson wanted to sell her small craft bakery, it seemed the very venture.

However, Mrs Wilson was not going to sell to just any old purchaser. Emotionally tied to her shortbread, she had to be convinced he would care for it, and for her loyal workforce, as much as she did, before finally agreeing to let go.

To his modest disbelief, Mr Laing has proved to be a natural, hands-on baker, despite "never having baked anything before except brandy snaps around a broom handle". Often in at work at 5.30am to help mix, roll, cut and fire the daily batch, he likes nothing better than to mess around, experimenting with new varieties.

As well as the time-honoured shapes, still baked to Mrs Wilson's recipe, he now also makes ginger, chocolate-chip and roasted-peanut shortbread. He concedes the latter may be a bit of a gamble, but it is certainly one for the adventurous shortbread lover.

The irony of ending up back in the biscuit barrel is not lost on Mr Laing, but there are advantages as well. It is jolly useful to be able to call on a bit of fatherly advice, for example. "At first, he kept finding machines for us that cost £500,000, but now that he understands our operation, he's right on the button and very helpful. After all, biscuits have been his life. He's a passionate biscuit man."

With biscuits in the blood, it is not surprising that Mr Laing has taken to the business like chocolate to a digestive. "I love it. The more difficult things seem, the more I love the challenge of production. It's very satisfying to take something through from flour to finished product and watch the boxes grow." His great grandfather would have been proud of him.

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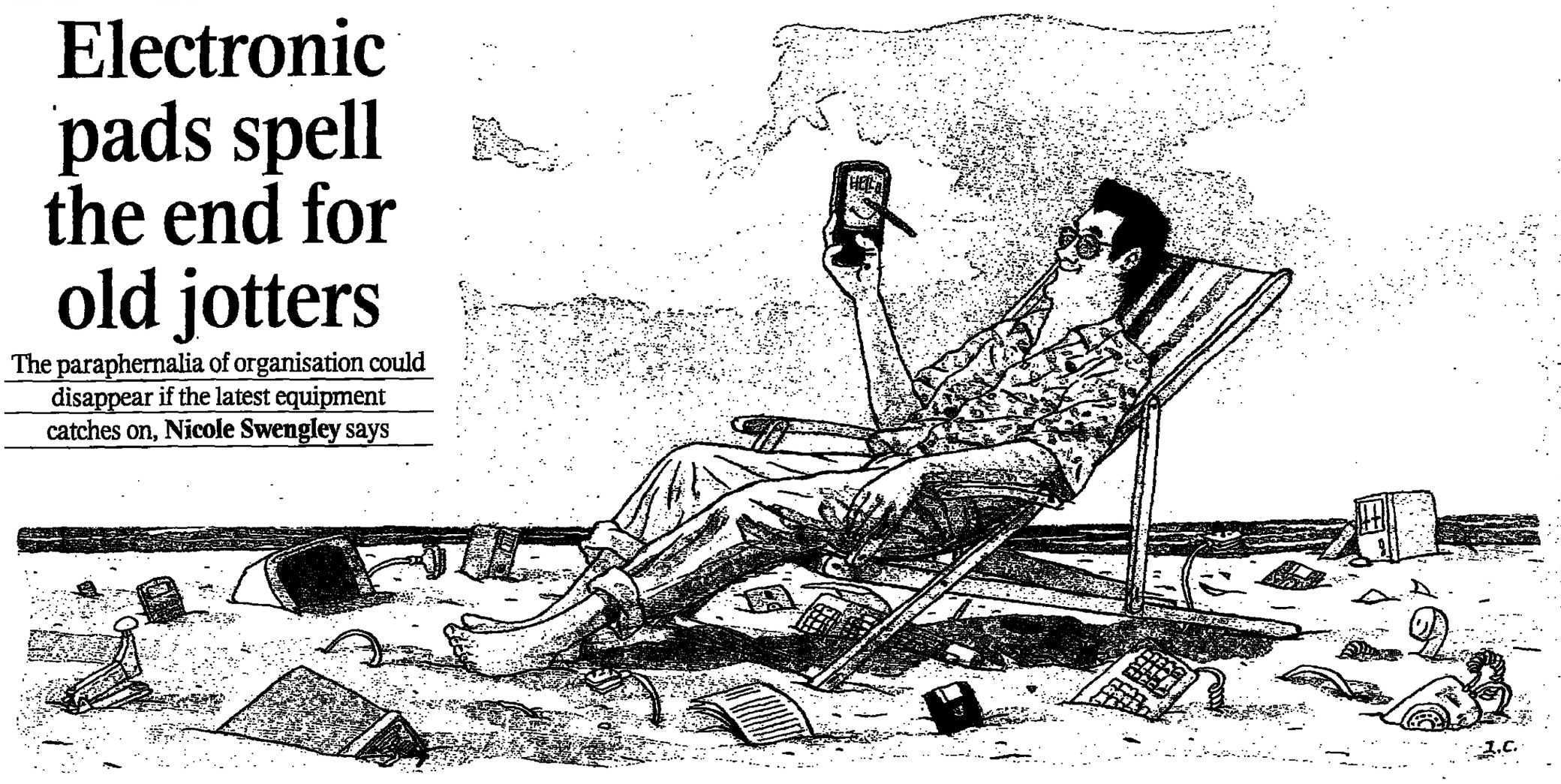
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Electronic pads spell the end for old jotters

The paraphernalia of organisation could disappear if the latest equipment catches on, Nicole Swengley says

IZHAR COHEN



Imagine banishing every scrap of paper in the house — shopping lists, Post-It notes, even your diary — and replacing them with a hand-held machine which can also print out letters, send faxes, send and receive electronic mail, dial telephone numbers and transfer information to and from personal computers.

You might think you'd need a degree in computer science to operate such a machine. Not so. Three new hand-held electronic notepads dispense with keyboards in favour of electronic pens. The machines recognise handwriting on liquid crystal display screens and then automatically turn it into type.

Using Apple's Newton technology (a combination of hardware, software and silicon), the MessagePad is available next month from Dixons, John Lewis and Apple Centres at about £600-£700 (still to be confirmed), which might seem a hefty price to pay for a piece of smart gadgetry. Yet the manufacturer is convinced that it will not just be computer buffs and business high-fliers prepared to fork out for the new generation of PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants).

Kim Wilson, a freelance computer journalist, who bought his MessagePad in the United States when it was launched there earlier this month, says: "Initially I was wary of Newton because of inputting information by handwriting, then I saw what it can do. Newton is streets ahead of ordinary electronic organisers and has the power of a desktop computer.

"I've seen a version that plugs directly into a hospital's database, for use by doctors on their rounds." Machines could similarly be tailored to suit hundreds of specialist applications for sales people, surveyors, delivery drivers, police, traffic wardens and many others. The thing about Newton is that it offers a simple way to store and retrieve information. It's better than a portable computer because it's so much smaller and it's far more durable than a pen and pad.

"I jot notes for articles and lectures on mine, store personal information and write letters." Mr Wilson continues. "I have 300 contacts in the address book and combine details about appointments with 'to do' lists in the calender/diary. I've faxed messages using a modem attachment and dialled phone calls with it, as well as printing out letters using a printer cable attachment. I have also input letters from it into a Macintosh computer network."

Like Mr Wilson, I was amazed at the amount and quality of information which Newton's technology can access. Using a 2in x 1in software card containing the Fodor's Travel Manager program, for example, I was able to locate three Japanese restaurants within five miles of a selected hotel in Boston and call up details about food and price ranges, detailed street maps and even routing from the hotel. Far more convenient than travelling with a bulky book.

Even more impressive is the way MessagePad "guesses" certain functions. If you scribble "phone John" the machine checks the address book for John's number, then asks if it has found the right person. An affirmative tap on the pad prompts it to dial John's number, while you hold the machine to a telephone receiver.

The machine's ability to recognise handwriting might be a problem for anyone with a scrawl, although it does get smarter with use. As Mr Wilson says: "It took about a week before it started to get 90 per cent recognition." Scribbling at speed, I found "dinner" translated as "winners", while "lunch" became "kindly". But I was impressed by the machine's ability to convert sketches into diagrams and the ease with which unwanted information could be zapped out.

Apple says that more than 1,500 developers are working on different applications for Newton; others are creating software packages for the machine. Sharp, one of the companies to whom Apple has licensed out the technology, is launching its similar Expert Pad next month. Although the cosmetics are different, it offers the same technology as Apple's MessagePad at a price yet to be confirmed.

Amstrad's Pen Pad, £299.99, is already in the shops and is aimed at those who are tired of ring-binder or electronic organisers. Although it is multi-lingual like MessagePad, it can't transfer information from one document to another and it is powered only by batteries, without a mains option.

Pen Pad has a diary address/telephone listing, calculator, calendar, world time clock and offers automatic phone dialling. It can be connected to a printer or personal computer for transfer of information or a fax machine via a modem. But whereas Apple's MessagePad recognises cursive (joined-up) handwriting, it's necessary to fill boxes with separate letters on the pen pad for translation into type. When I tried the machine, it read my "A" as "P" and "M" as "u".

David Edwards, an independent computer consultant who normally uses a Psion Series III pocket-sized computer, says: "I found the Pen Pad's facilities fairly basic compared with the Psion, which has PC/Mac-compatible file structures and is more business-orientated. I can input faster on the Psion's keyboard than writing by hand with the electronic pen. Even so, I found the Pen Pad's handwriting learning facility impressive and it coped well with my scrawl. The Pen Pad's reflective screen is difficult to read in bright sunlight or under office flourescent lights. In comparison with the Psion, it seems more like a sophisticated toy than a professional tool."

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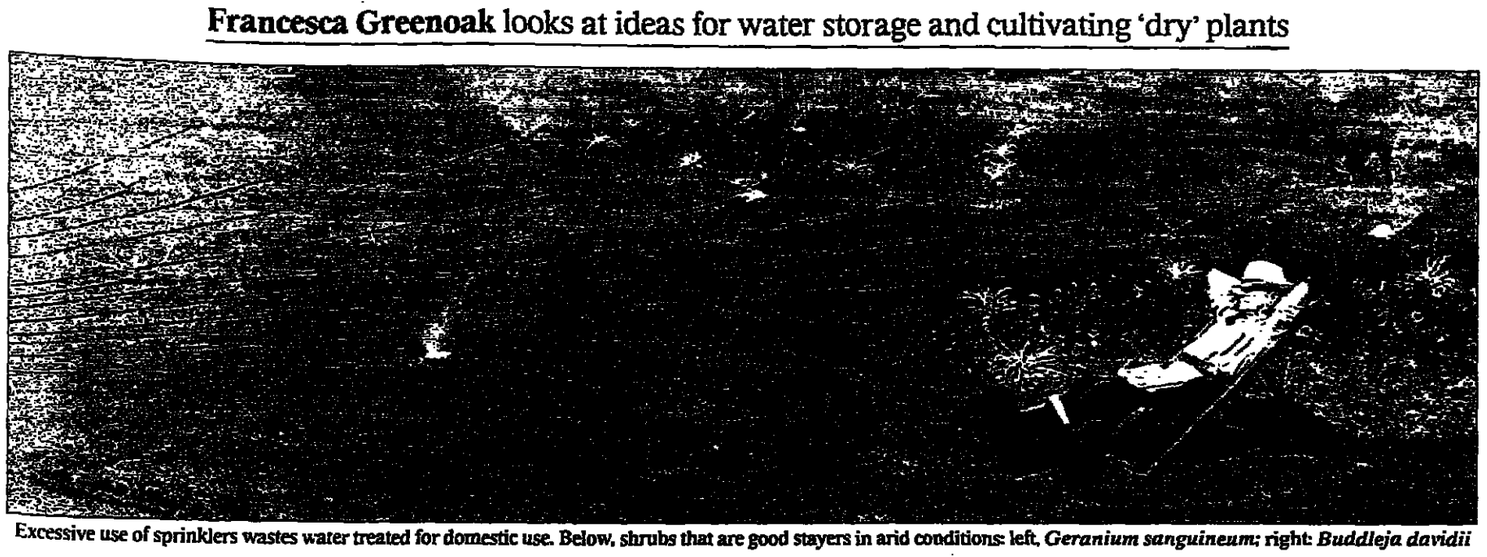
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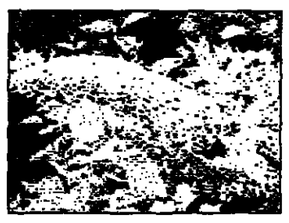
Francesca Greenoak looks at ideas for water storage and cultivating 'dry' plants



Excessive use of sprinklers wastes water treated for domestic use. Below, shrubs that are good stayers in arid conditions: left, *Geranium sanguineum*; right: *Buddleja davidii*



Ways to weather the dry spells



An elderly neighbour used to tell me how, as a child, she (or one of her nine brothers and sisters) had to pump water from a well, which made them think hard "when asking for a second cup of tea, because it meant we would have to pump more water". Gardeners who have to lug heavy watering cans around the garden during hose pipe bans have also had to think of water as a scarce resource.

Despite this summer's rains, and whatever may happen to the climate in the long term, the droughts of the past few years have concentrated our minds on saving water.

A vociferous horticultural lobby is pressing for exemptions from hose pipe bans for gardeners, who, they argue, account for only about 3 per cent of water use.

I believe it is better to work out new strategies for gardening than to squabble over the existing water supply. When we use our hoses, we are giving our plants treated drinking water, which seems a waste.

Many people are collecting the rainwater from their house guttering in butts, using diverters in the downpipe that are designed to restore the flow to the drain when the butt is full. The step beyond this is to install an underground tank in which large amounts of run-off ground water can be collected and pumped up when required, using a cheap electric pump. This involves initial expenditure and upheaval, but is cheap to run and maintain. I live in an area of fairly high rainfall, but it is an option I am considering. If water-metering is implemented, it will be economically and environmentally preferable.

Experiments in "dry" gardening, using plant species that require little water, have been carried out in Mediterranean and other hot countries. Although these plants could be useful in the drier areas of Britain, such as East Anglia, many among them would be unhappy during the prolonged rainy spells common in other areas and, even more, in the chilly, waterlogged soils of our freeze-and-thaw winters. However, a huge variety of suitable plants do grow well in British conditions, with little or no extra watering, provided the soil is amply supplied with organic matter to keep it fertile and moisture-retentive.

The Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) commissioned John Lucas, a garden designer, to investigate the ways in which a gardener can give plants the water they need while not wasting this precious resource. In his book, *Low Water Gardening*, he explains how to conserve water in every aspect of gardening: the first principles of design, choosing your plants, lawns and general care. He also identifies low-maintenance and drought and disease-resistant plants for the fruit and vegetable garden. If water is in short supply, he says, think twice about having such plants as delphiniums, astilbes and hydrangeas, which need lashings of water and look very sorry if they don't get it. Choose shrubs such as sumach, buddleia or deutzia, and encourage roots to go down by giving them a deep, fertile planting hole. Perennials, such as pinks and foxtail lilies, are also good stayers in arid conditions.

Keep the soil covered so that the foliage of different plants overlap, creating a microclimate in which the plants help to conserve moisture. If you do have bare soil, conserve moisture by keeping hoeing and digging to a minimum.

Note, too, that hardy geraniums, especially those which derive from the Mediterranean, such as the bloody cranebill *Geranium sanguineum* and its cultivars, flower forever with little attention. Lambs' ears (*Stachys byzantina*) and the coloured-leaved ajugas and lamiums make a pretty border edging.

● Low water Gardening *by John Lucas (Dent, £15.99; paperback £9.99).*

BEST BUYS

BUDDLEIA is an import from the Far East which has taken eagerly to British conditions. The common *Buddleja davidii* grows naturally in many places, but scan the garden centres for its distinctive named cultivars. There are several good whites, including White Cloud and White Bouquet, the smaller Nanho Blue, and a variegated form. The purple Black Knight looks beautiful close up, but its dark flowers are insignificant in the distance; pale colours have a more striking effect.

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Cut back mints, marjoram and chives to encourage fresh growth for late-season use.*
- *Prune climbing and rambler roses after the flowers have faded.*
- *Sow winter-flowering pansies to bloom next spring in containers.*
- *Plant out the new, imported hyacinth bulbs now for Christmas flowering.*
- *Take cuttings now of junipers and box.*
- *Prepare ground and seed new lawns.*

AD ARCHIVES



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Where would you go?
New York. I am a city person and New York has the most of everything I like: sophisticated shopping, good art and the best jazz bars.

How would you get there?
By Concorde and then by chauffeur-driven limousine, because the yellow taxis are disgusting and the helicopter ride from the airport to downtown Manhattan is not exciting.

Where would you stay?
The Pierre. Elegant with pretty bedrooms, the hotel is in the most wonderful position on Central Park.

Who would be your perfect companion?
David Frost, because he would be charming and interesting and know everyone who was anyone, from the curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art to the mayor of New York.

What essentials would you take?
My credit cards.

What medicines would accompany you?
Alka Seltzer, and Pro-Plus to keep me awake — I wouldn't want to miss one moment of the weekend.

What would you have to eat?
Pasta at Cocopazo and an elegant lunch at Le Cirque. On Sunday evening I would have chicken soup at Elaine's, which is a traditional thing to do.

What would you have to drink?
Veuve Clicquot champagne, on this occasion La Grand Dame 1985, which is the best champagne I've ever tasted.

Which books would you read?
None, I wouldn't have any time for reading.

What music would you listen to?
I would ask David Frost to organise a re-run of the Carreras, Domingo and Pavarotti concert in Rome in July 1990 after Carreras's recovery from leukaemia. I would also see the latest Broadway musical. Going to one always evokes childhood memories, because when I was a kid my grandmother took me to see every film of every Broadway musical. I would listen to some New Orleans jazz and, if I could, fit in a piano bar as well.

What would you watch on television?
Good Morning America, because I never make time to watch breakfast television at home.

What film would you watch?
The Way We Were, with Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford.

What luxury would you take?
Someone else's platinum American Express card.

What piece of art would you like to look at?
Everything at the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
My business partner, because I would not want to talk or have to think about work.

Which newspaper or journals would you read?
Every interior design and antique collectors' magazine I could find.

What three things would you leave behind?
My diet, my office and the grey, damp London weather.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Go to a first night 2. Shop until I drop. 3. Discover a great piece of art at a Sotheby's auction.

Who would you send a postcard to?
My sister-in-law saying: "Eat your heart out, baby."

What would you like to find when you got home?
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Getting high on the gospel of love

Ruth Gledhill takes part in Holy Disorder in Gloucester

IN THE churchyard of Christ Church, Gloucester, young people were eating sandwiches and hugging in the pink glow of the setting sun. Inside, the church stretched eastward into a gloomy dusk, relieved only by an eerily glowing cross at the back of the sanctuary, the effect of a cunningly placed spotlight. A painting of Christ in the small dome in the apse was lit like an icon.

This was Holy Disorder, a rave-style youth service singled out for special praise at a recent meeting of the general synod of the Church of England. The teenagers who crowded into the pews were dressed in faded and torn denims topped by baggy T-shirts and sweaters. As we launched into the first hymn, "Swing Wide These Gates", I stood with the half-dozen others over 30 years old, in a pew near the back. Our vision was obstructed by our agile neighbours, who, at the first drum beat, leapt on to the wooden pews and began jiving and rocking through the three-hour service. Many hymns ended with loud whistles and cheers from the congregation.

In order to see, I was forced to overcome 33 years of conditioning and climb on to the seat of my pew, only to find my vision further obscured by "dry ice", white smoke billowing into the aisle. During one hymn, we genuflected in time to the music. Coloured disco lights flashed, the spotlight on the cross changed from white to red and back to white again, and candles glowed through the mist.

Holy Disorder began last November in Gloucester with about 50 people and has grown to more than 130. Three similar services have begun near by, bringing attendance to more than 300.

There were no clergy. The vicar of the parish, the Rev David Brazington, does not attend except for baptisms. The service was led by Tim Mason, aged 39, the diocesan youth officer, who wore sandals, socks and brightly-coloured beads in his hair. After our lively beginning, Mr Mason asked us to sit. Instantly, silence filled the church. "We just celebrated Jesus's love," he said. "Let's just think about that now. If you talk about love in the world, they think of the birds and the bees.

"*But love is an important thing. I* am learning about love every day, about the hurt that relationships in families create. We never tell people these days we love them in case they get the wrong idea. The message of this service is love."

This was the prelude to Holy Disorder's version of the peace, when most congregations shake hands. "Let us demonstrate our love for each other," said Mr Mason. The church erupted into laughter, tears and shouts of joy. Teenagers leapt over pews, ran up the aisle, hugged their closest friends. I tried to shake hands with my neighbour, who looked shocked. "You can't do that here," he said, and gave me a bear hug. The enthusiasm was chaste. The service seemed not an avenue to but a relief from the sexual pressures faced by teenagers.

More hymns were followed by workshops. Bible study was in the back room, prayer in the vestry, drama in the churchyard and discussion in the nave. We heard a testimony from Lorna Stephens, 17, who had been on tour with an orchestra. "I was on a coach and I was told all Christians were unquestioning, and that being a Christian was a cop-out," she told the hushed and darkened church. "*I told them it was a cop-out not to* be a Christian, because it is easier not to believe what is in the Bible. Every Christian has some doubts, but if you have faith, God gives you the strength to believe."

Mr Mason followed this with a pep talk on being a Christian. "It was not easy for Jesus. People shouted at him, laughed at him, despised him. But it is worth it because there are so many young people hurting. How many of you know young people taking drugs, drinking and abusing alcohol, stealing, unhappy with life?" Many hands went up. "Most of the problems young people face are because they feel a lack of love."

There was no lack of love in the church, however. We sat on the floor in the dark, sang slow hymns, prayed and held hands. The lights went on at the end. "Send us out from here, Lord, with your love and your care. Bring us back next week to celebrate again."

I went out into the darkened streets of Gloucester. On a street corner nearby, two women screamed at each other while a baby in a pram looked on in silence. I was glad the teenagers, still discussing love in church, did not witness this.

● *Services: Thursday, 7-10pm at Gloucester; Monday, 7.30-9.30pm at Holy Trinity, Stroud; Tuesday, 7.30-9.30pm St John's, Coleford; Wednesday, 7.30-9.30pm St Mary's, Thornbury, Avon.*

TED BATH



Attendance has more than doubled since last November at Christ Church's informal services

Holy Disorder, Christ Church, Brunswick Square, Gloucester GL1 (0452 410022)

WORSHIP LEADER: Tim Mason

SERMON: Mr Mason discoursed expertly on love to a rapt audience.★★★

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LITURGY: None.

MUSIC: Keyboard, drums and acoustic guitars led modern hymns to a rock beat. Even the older people danced.★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: None at church, but newcomers are taken into "care groups" of a dozen people who meet on Saturdays. Anyone who misses a week without explanation is contacted.★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Like a rave, with the Holy Spirit instead of drugs.★★★★

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BOOKMARKER

What the papers said:

Derwent May's bookbuyers' guide

5/5 *Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of the reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.*

2/5 **Frost fingered:** David Frost's *Autobiography. Part 1* (HarperCollins, £20) was overshadowed in the papers by Lord Goodman's memoirs — although it was itself a very fat book. John Naughton in *The Observer* remarked on that fact: "Inside this obese volume — bloated by transcripts of long-forgotten interviews — is a thin, interesting book screaming to be let out." A.N. Wilson was uncustomarily kind in *The Evening Standard*: "On the telly . . . Frost has indestructible verve, brio and showmanship. As an autobiographer, he does not lay bare his soul, but he plays some very readable golden oldies." In *The Daily Telegraph*, David Mellor declared his friendship for Frost and was quick to deny the charge that he "gives politicians an easy ride . . . Look at the last two elections. Almost all the gaffes so lovingly reported in the newspapers were made on Frost's programme."

But in *The Times*, Ian McIntyre heaped coals of fire on Frost's head: although Frost calls himself a "work addict" the book was "inadmissibly lazy", with its "great slabs of material lifted from his cuttings files"; while Frost's portrait of himself in the 1960s "is by turns disagreeable and ludicrous". The review in *Private Eye* said that "Frost obviously feels he exists only when he is being broadcast . . . In hell, the only reading matter allowed is showbiz memoirs like this." *Col cms: 170*

4/5 **Brainy Bletchley:** Bletchley Park was where the German ciphers were broken during the war. In *Codebreakers*, edited by F.H. Hinsley and Alan Stripp (Oxford, £17.95), "here at last are the reminiscences of those who worked there," said Noël Annan in *The Independent on Sunday*: "Anyone interested in the second world war will sit up all night." The other reviewers were equally thrilled. "It is a delight to have so crucial a subject so entertainingly and clearly described, by some 30 people who really understand it," wrote M.R.D. Foot in *The Times*. Bletchley "shortened the war, perhaps by a year, perhaps longer," observed John Keegan in *The Daily Telegraph* — "and what fun it must have been!" In *The Sunday Times*, Robert Harris insisted that "the ramshackle huts" of Bletchley, now "derelict, overgrown, must be preserved". *Col cms: 239*

3/5 **Haggard looks:** Tom Pocock's *Rider Haggard and the Lost Empire* (Weidenfeld, £20) "reveals the man behind the writer of the yarns" said Paul Johnson in *The Sunday Telegraph*. "Makes a telling contrast between Haggard's public stuffiness and his mystical, death-obsessed temperament," wrote Andro Linklater in *The Guardian*. "All the ingredients of Spielberg's movie adventures are to be found in *King Solomon's Mines* and *She*," was Piers Brendon's claim in *The Mail on Sunday*. "Succeeds in making him ride again," said Niall Ferguson in *The Daily Mail* — perhaps forgetting that the joke had been made long ago in the Bloomsbury prophecy of the day "when the Rudyards cease their kippling and the Haggards ride no more". *Col cms: 282*

3/5 **Dig this?:** Tim Parks's *new novel Shear* (Heinemann, £13.99) about an easily distracted geologist in Italy "almost works", said Guy Mannes-Abbott in *The Guardian*. But Kate Kellaway in *The Observer* had no doubts: "*Shear* is chilling but brilliant — definitely a novel for the Booker short list." Not long to wait now to see if she is right. *Col cms: 71*

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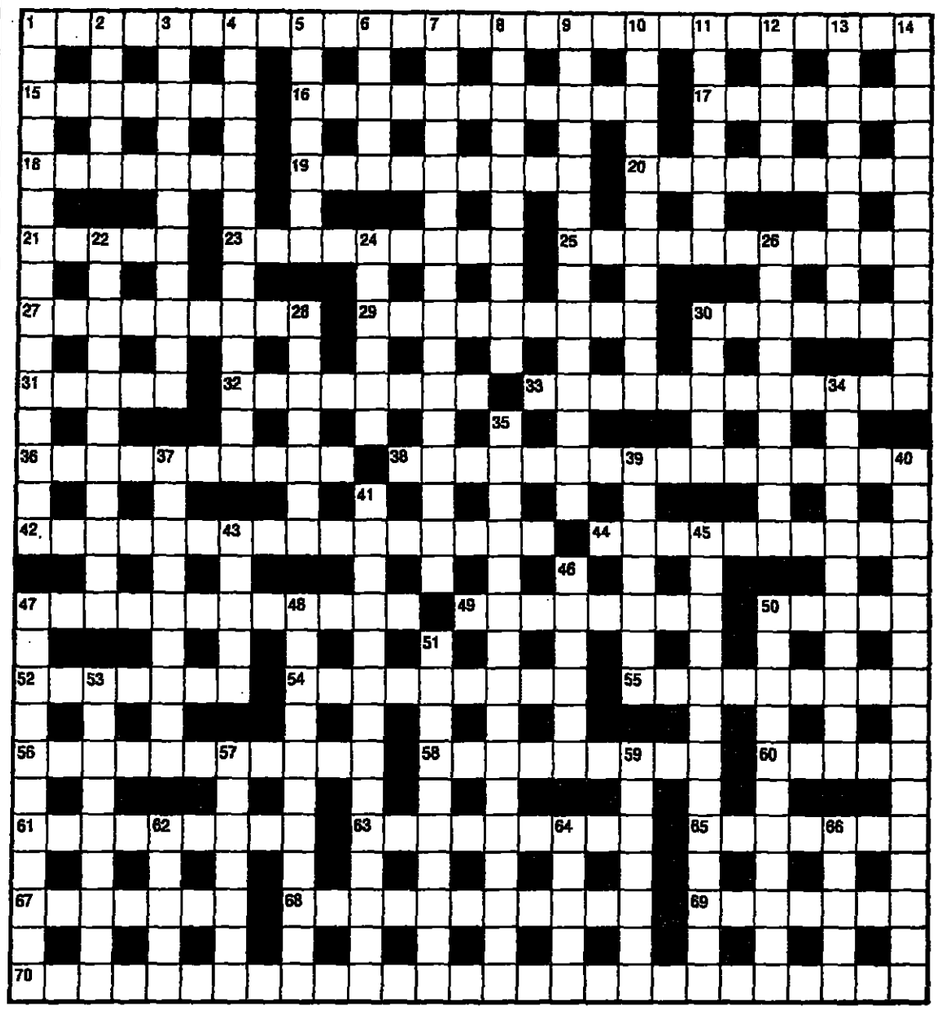
1 Fair article brings lasting pleasure for poet (1,5,2,6,2,1,3,3,4)
15 Way to classify what's unfamiliar (7)
16 Accepted Bob wasn't *impressed* (11)
17 Port's *the drink* taken by poet (7)
18 Titian, for example, taking some wine with food (7)
19 Hill paths, where wild daisy grew (9)
20 One who puts in extra cover to check fast runs (9)
21 *Macmillan's little difficulties were* not general (5)
23 *Flier found in base*, fuddled with drink (5-4)
25 Term an Ibo's wife this, possibly (11)
27 At St Paul's mobile shelter I have to be alert (9)
29 Put in grave position — silly even to get involved (9)
30 Purge is inclined to split the church (7)
31 Cockney's reported water falling in river (5)
32 Contemplate large vessel for cosmetic (8)
33 *Arid letters in our Times? Not so* (12)
36 Post messenger takes from port, in the French boat (10)
38 Chroniclers finding Irish too involved with plotters (16)
42 Was remorseless, as countdown *always is?* (7,2,7)
44 Monarch's installed quarters with style in this palace (10)
47 Modern poem composed in adverse circumstances (12)
49 *Notes ringing round the opera* house increase in intensity (8)
50 Factory design? Precisely! (5)
52 Nothing ready to write? Be expansive! (4,3)
54 *Armed female no longer on* copper's side (9)
55 Mind's more novel production? (9)
56 Temporary support turned off in very hot situation (11)
58 In prospect, a clearly exciting *performance* (9)
60 Purchase supplies near pub, we hear (3,2)
61 *Point to fruit plant producing crop* (9)
63 Celebration of something terribly recent? Nay! (9)
65 West Indian performance — plays badly after a century at Oval (7)
67 Some areas on shore used for grounds (7)
68 Art specialist I swindle got oils mixed up (11)
69 Collects in a pot, audibly (7)
70 Give son approximate directions, as advised by Duchess (5,7,2,4,6,3)

DOWN

1 For example, Victorian regulations for this game (10,5)
2 *Male inflictor of cruelty on children* (5)
3 *Connive with one Liberal amendment* for peaceful policy (3-8)
4 It's so rash — even disastrous, possibly (13)
5 Baritone's beginning a very elaborate song in German part (7)
6 Wasn't in good form? Champion was winning (5)
7 Novel written by Keats (6,2,3,5)
8 *Led in Southern race*, perhaps? Just the opposite! (10)
9 How some players regard each other, in general (6-3-5)
10 Ranks within ranks in neat arrangement (11)
11 Jolly clown on stage about four (7)
12 *Good place to anchor in island* sound (5)
13 *My servant may be representative* of the parish (9)
14 Way smugglers can provide birds (11)
22 Making less keen to drink (7,4)
24 Obtain judge's conclusion in accordance with law (6)
26 At which our nephew is awful (9)
28 Poet finishes off the final verse with main point (7)
30 *Sound of singer in terrific hurry* (5)
34 Possible outcome when union's taken in by eastern corruption (11)
35 Acts formally, and pays for pound with money order (6,2,8)
37 Gave a warning and upset cricket *side* (6,3)
39 Some bowling, and a jolly good way to do it! (7)
40 In pietistic way, it's okay holding maiden to promise to pay tinker (15)
41 Getting on train for Rugby, say (8,6)
43 Drank up in store (5)
45 Drug peddler? One quick to break the law (5-8)
46 Person who's wise to park a *vehicle in the street* (6)
47 Puzzles about second fight (5,6)
48 Funny bone itchy? (3-8)
50 Foreigner in political case ignoring it as a moral tale (11)
51 Getting commission that's very striking (7,3)
53 To destroy king, bishop's leaving *to end rule* (9)
57 Is careful about appearance — excessively, we hear (5-2)
59 *Keen to follow game, mostly?* That's very clear (7)
62 South German wine in jar (5)
64 *Decline to reside in a university* for so long (5)
66 Understand it's very American (5)

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1 Pope sin/pardon remark (2,3,2,5,2,7,6)
15 Marsh marigold (7)
16 Dared, to achieve (4,4,3)
17 Disproved (7)
18 Thread twister (7)
19 *Stay firm* (3,6)
20 City country ring (5,4)
21 Agile (5)
23 Try (4,1,4)
25 Lovers' venue (6,5)
27 Low gold measure (4,5)
29 Level cliff shelf (4,5)
30 *Sudden flow of riches* (7)
31 Showy display (5)
32 Knightly chivalry (8)
33 Gradual debt settling (12)
36 *Newspaper chair* (10)
38 Displaying extravagantly (6,1,3,6)
42 *Get significant promotion* (4,3,3,4,2)
44 Harvest (3,3,4)
47 Particularly *important* (5,7)
49 Gossip (4,4)
50 Have as result of (3,2)
52 Disaster (7)
54 Emphasise again (2-7)
55 Change pace (5,4)
56 *Cooking spits* (11)
58 Outward looker (9)
60 Eight musicians (5)
61 Clinker built (9)
63 *Miss national team* (4,2,3)
65 Dogma dissenter (7)
67 *Briefly summarising* (2,5)
68 Miss easy catch (4,1,6)
69 Montgomery state (7)
70 Increasingly successful (5,4,8,2,8)

DOWN

1 *Gets involved* (5,2,8)
2 Boredom (5)
3 Fast sailing vessel (6,5)
4 *Boosters* (13)
5 Sir Peter — raconteur, actor (7)
6 Up above (5)
7 Non-compartment coaches (7,9)
8 Cook's long steamer (4,6)
9 Mirror double (9,5)
10 Dressed for Twickenham game (2,5,4)
11 Sincere (7)
12 Jokingly (2,3)
13 On the whole (2,3,4)
14 Stops hurting (4,3,4)
22 *Last batsman out* (5,6)
24 Fundamentally (2,4)
26 Tufted tropical fruit (9)
28 Final stops (7)
30 Person (5)
34 Concurring (2,9)
35 False impression (16)
37 Touring (2,7)
39 German architecture school (6)
40 Doctors' affirmation (11,4)
41 Deathly white (2,4,2,1,5)
43 Vacant (5)
45 Regard seriously (4,2,2,5)
46 Venice region (6)
47 Gripping (11)
48 Erratum (11)
50 Open air sport (7,4)
51 Not manly (11)
53 Italian hors d'oeuvres (9)
57 Extorter (7)
59 Mat fibre grass (7)
62 Leather strap (5)
64 Vocal check (5)
66 Nasal dialect (5)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3185

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Where pony tales are a way of life

Lynne Greenwood meets young riders who give full rein to their competitive instincts

NEWS TEAM INTERNATIONAL, BIRMINGHAM



The Wiggins sisters have a very stable relationship with their eight ponies. Amy (left), 11, Eloise, 19, and Danielle, eight, with two of their mounts, Miracle (left) and Julia

Amy Wiggins, a pair of Dennis The Menace braces tucked beneath her immaculate tweed jacket, and Gwyn Rhosyn Ellie, her tiny Welsh pony measuring 11 hands (44¼ in-high), stole the show at Olympia, west London.

The pair captured the crowd's imagination on this their first appearance at the Olympia International. What the spectators did not see was Amy walking her little pony down Kensington High Street at 6am that morning, her mother and two sisters laden with hay nets, buckets and show clothes trailing behind, after their horse box had refused to start.

At 11 years old, Amy is a veteran of pony show championships, riding "ever since I could sit up straight". Her younger sister Danielle, begged to be allowed to compete in her first show on the first date she became eligible, her third birthday. "Sometimes I feel nervous if it's a big show," says Danielle, now eight, "but I try to tell myself that I'm going to go in there and show what I can do."

The girls live for their eight ponies. At home on their farm in Staffordshire, their favourites are Danielle's pony Julia, second at the Royal International Show at Hickstead; Amy's pony Miracle who won Royal Windsor as a novice this season; and Ellie, first in her mountain and moorland class at Olympia, and fourth overall.

A love of ponies runs in the family. Mrs Edwina Wiggins competed as a child and her eldest daughter, Eloise, 19, followed her into riding boots from the age of three to 17. Now Eloise looks after the ponies and prepares them for her sisters. Mrs Wiggins is responsible for everything else, from the mountain of administration involved in entering shows, to ensuring the girls' show clothes are clean and packed, to driving the family's 25ft lorry — horse box plus quality living accommodation — around the country. Next Tuesday, the family will attend the British Show Pony Society's 24th four-day championship show at the Newark and Nottinghamshire Showground, regarded as the world's biggest ridden pony show. About 1,100 ponies will be stabled on the showground, each accompanied by its rider, usually mother and father, often brothers and sisters. More than most, this children's sport involves the whole family.

Although Mrs Elizabeth Mansfield, a breeder and press officer for the BSPS, believes the shows have a good atmosphere, are safe for children and still represent a country way of life, "the will to win is more evident," she says.

After first being taught to ride, children gain experience in local shows affiliated to the BSPS and the Ponies Association (UK). Between the ages of three and seven, children compete in leading rein classes, where they walk with the pony. From seven upwards there are ridden classes. Judging is based on the presentation of rider and pony and their skill in walking, trotting and cantering. It is an expensive sport — in terms of time and money. Although the costs to a family starting out with one pony competing in local shows are not too high, once they aim for better things the financial demands rapidly escalate.

Show ponies at the top level mean big business. News that someone had paid £30,000 for a pony last year travelled the show circuit grapevine in no time.

The BSPS offers a holiday for two at a Disney Theme Park and a seven-day dressage scholarship at the Lipica Stud in Slovenia among its prizes, but the rewards are secondary to the prestige of winning.

Nowhere is this more important than at Wembley's Horse of the Year Show in October. Philip Cooper, 13 on Monday, who has already qualified on his 12.2 hands show pony Cringle Laughter, is preparing for his fifth appearance. Two years ago he was fourth at Wembley, his best placing.

Philip is in demand as a "professional jockey", riding ponies for other owners as well as his own. But he is not paid. "I never ask for prize money but sometimes they might buy me a football if I do well," he says. Last year, Philip's most hectic spell involved competing in seven shows in nine days and he admits to spending more nights asleep in the lorry than in his bed at home in Chelmsford, Essex, during the season. "I often have to get up at one or two o'clock in the morning, but I like the travelling," he says.

Philip, who has ambitions to be a barrister, with a horse to ride for fun, understands that judges are always on the lookout for something special. "You have to be a bit extrovert and really try to win. You have to make yourself seen; not hide around on the outside. You have to smile and be very polite."

● *British Show Pony Society, 124, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE17 5XA (0487 831376). A video,* Secrets of Showing, How to Train for Success, *made by the Ponies Association (UK), costs £11.50, plus £2 p&p, from 56, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE17 5UY (0487 830278).*

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Okehampton Castle, Devon (071-973 3294/3293). Tomorrow and Mon, from 2pm. Adult £3, child £1.50, concs £2.25.

☐ **Edinburgh:** Big Peach Theatre Company presents *The Curse of the Cobra Crown*, a fun-filled exploration of the culture and mythology of ancient Egypt.
Old St Paul's Church and Hall, Jeffrey Street (031-557 6696). Today-next Sat (not tomorrow), 11am. £3.50.

☐ **Lincoln:** Bank holiday Monday Fun-Day in the grounds of Grimsthorpe Castle. Highlights include a display by the Flying Dragons Freefall Team, a television-style Wheel of Fortune and a wide range of stalls and attractions. The castle will also be open.
Grimsthorpe Castle, near Bourne (0778 560791). Mon, 11am-5pm. Adult £2.50, children (under 16) and concs £1.

SARA YELLAND



In a housing market recuperating from recession, one factor provides stability — [illegible]

Bricks and mortar boards

Families move to areas with the best schools. This has been true for decades, but has become even more so as middle-class families are hit by the recession. Private-school fees are increasingly beyond their means. (Fees at boys' boarding schools now average about £2,500 a term.) With the help of Winkworth (London's biggest estate agency), Hamiltons, Strutt & Parker and Hambro Countrywide, *The Times has made a survey of* how London's property market is affected by the education on offer and has identified areas where the best schools are to be found — in the opinion of parents and estate agents rather than educational experts.

The law forbids schools to select their pupils from narrowly defined catchment areas that exclude other boroughs. This was confirmed by the High Court in 1985 in test cases brought by the *boroughs of Greenwich, Kingston and Bexley.* "Anyone can go to the school provided there's room," says Gordon Hainsworth, an advisor on education to the Association of District Councils and a former chief education officer from Manchester.

In practice, Mr Hainsworth says: "Schools tend to prefer children who live near by. Increasingly, many state schools are keen to develop community links, which is obviously harder if pupils live 35 miles away. This is causing a growing tension between schools and the government's open enrolment policy."

Before they move nearer to a top school, parents will have to consider whether their children are likely to get in. Some schools mentioned here are grammar schools, which select entrants by examination. Schools that are selective do not operate catchment areas.

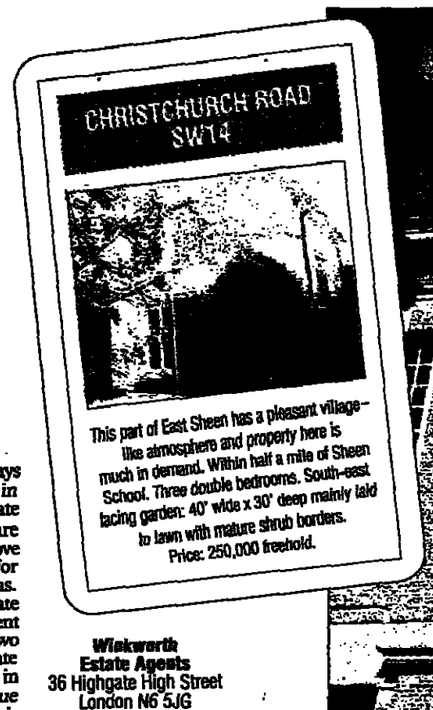
Although the Independent Schools Information Service reports that the number of fee-paying pupils has fallen only slightly, it also says that parents are increasingly interested in looking at all the options. One is to move. Estate agents report that pockets of London are experiencing a mini-boom as parents move closer to the best schools: not just to qualify for catchment criteria but to minimise school runs.

To an extent it was ever thus. Good state schools have long been associated with affluent areas of attractive family housing. The two reinforce one another, according to estate agents. Wealthy, successful parents living in attractive houses tend to stress the value of educational achievement to their offspring and take an interest in and contribute to local schools.

While the property market in many areas of the metropolis still languishes, Kentish Town, Highgate, Sheen, Hampstead, Hammersmith, Wimbledon and Surrey are all comparatively buoyant — in part because they have excellent state schools and family houses to match. The same is true, although to a lesser extent, in other parts of the country. Estate agents report that the housing market is keeping steady in pockets of Kent, Oxfordshire, Essex, and Yorkshire, because of steady demand for good family houses near good schools.

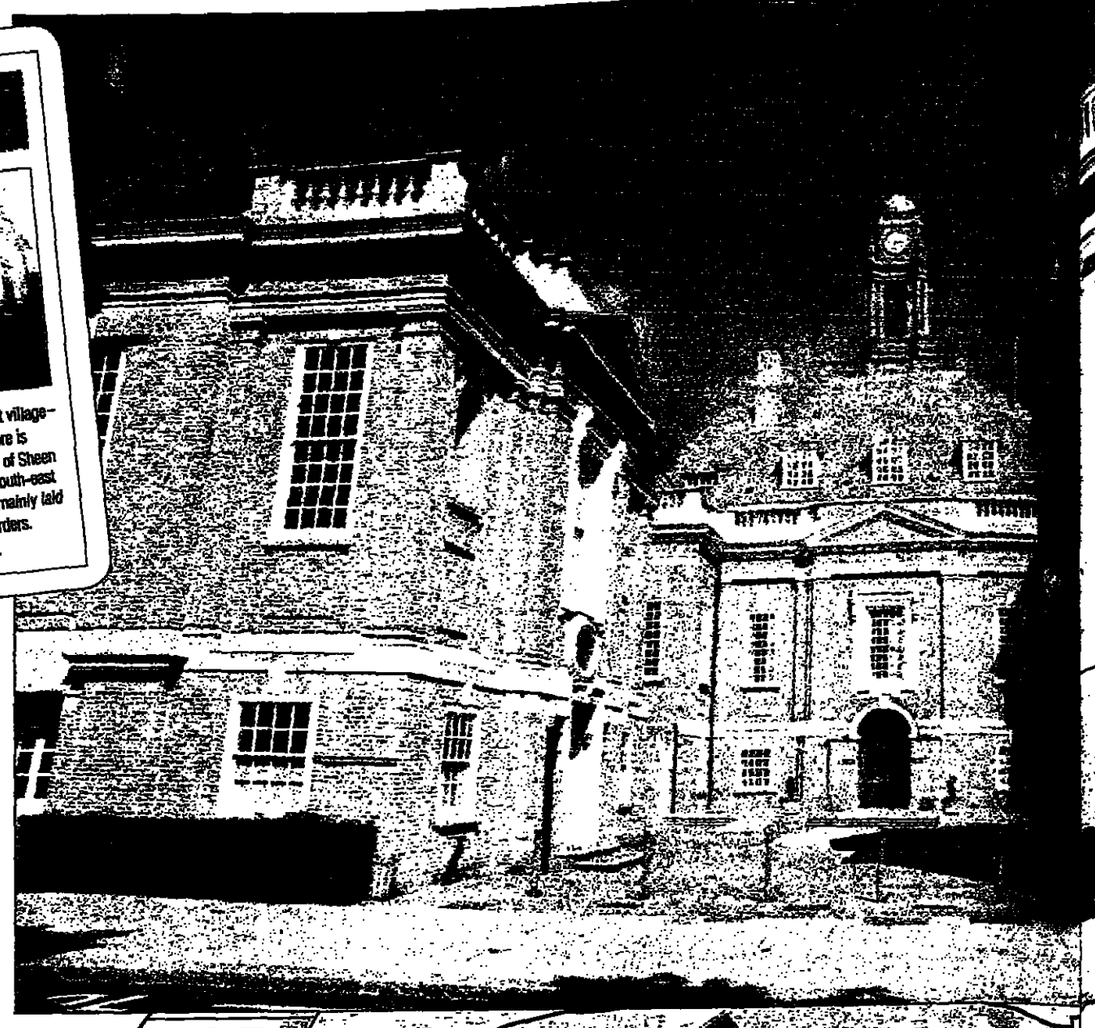
"However deep the recession, a certain level of demand is ensured because of these schools," says Simon Agace from Winkworth. "But the areas with good schools have weathered the recession well for other reasons too, such as the availability of attractive family houses."

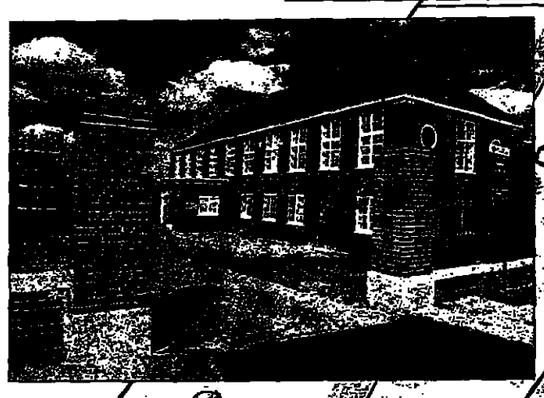
The balance is delicate, says Mr Agace. If the housing becomes more than attractive and reaches the point where it is positively exclusive, then many of those who can afford to move into the area are uninterested in the state schools because they can afford private education.

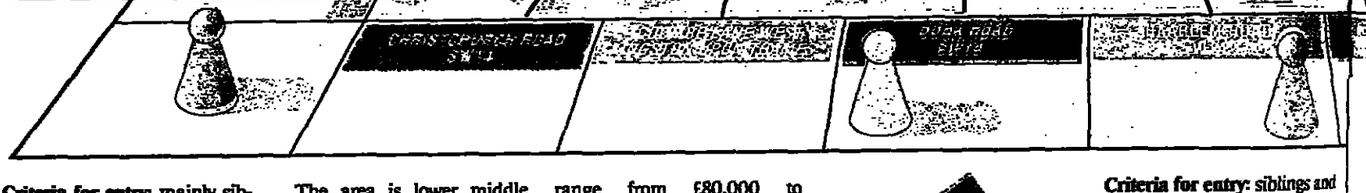


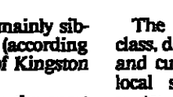
This part of East Sheen has a pleasant village-like atmosphere and property here is much in demand. Within half a mile of Sheen School. Three double bedrooms. South-east facing garden: 40' wide x 30' deep mainly laid to lawn with mature shrub borders. Price: 250,000 freehold.

Winkworth Estate Agents
36 Highgate High Street
London N6 5JG
(081 341 1988)









Sheen School

Park Avenue, London SW14 8RG (081-876 8891)
Age range 11-16
1,100 pupils; mixed
There is a waiting list

Criteria for entry: A sibling at the school; attendance at a link primary school, and residence closest to the school, judged by the shortest, safest walking distance. This is not a catchment area, but the policy of the Local Education Authority, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

● The school offers high academic standards, modern facilities and a fine range of sporting facilities, says Paul Robinson from Winkworth's Sheen office. Many of the facilities were built in the 1960s and 1970s.

"There is no strict catchment area for the school, and some children come from Wandsworth, on the Richmond border."

Sandwiched between the Thames to the north and Richmond Park to the south, Sheen is dominated by Edwardian and post-Edwardian houses, reflecting the area's development between 1900 and 1930. There are a few Victorian enclaves, mainly in the Mortlake area.

The most sought-after and expensive houses are on the fringe of Richmond Park, Mr Robinson says. While the cheapest family houses elsewhere in the area range from £115,000 to £140,000, here they cost from £500,000 to £1 million.

Besides Richmond Park, there are two other parks, tennis courts, a bowling green and mini golf course, all ideal for families. Upper Richmond Road West offers a good selection of shops, and there are ample bus services to Richmond and Putney town centres. Roads into the West End are frequently congested, although there is an excellent main-line service to Waterloo.

"Most of Sheen was built in the 1920s, and there has been little change since. As a well-to-do suburb, it has always attracted families with children. The schools were built to cater to the demand. With so many parents taking an interest in education, high standards have been maintained."

Coombe Girls' School

Clarence Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3QU (081-942 1242)
Age range: 11-18
1,080 girls
Waiting list: more than 400 applicants for 180 places

Criteria for entry: mainly siblings and distance (according to Royal Borough of Kingston regulations).

● Coombe Girls' is the most desirable school in the suburbs, say agents.

Mr Jeremy Hobbs, director of Hamiltons' New Malden office says: "About 30 per cent of our applicants ask to be within the catchment area of the school. Women, particularly, are concerned with convenience and access."

The area is lower middle class, dominated by leafy roads and cul-de-sacs, parks, handy local shops and good bus routes. There is an excellent rail link to Waterloo, and a local shopping centre at Kingston, ten minutes' drive away.

Most of the houses were built in the 1930s, a mixture of small three-bedroom terraced and larger three or four-bedroom semi-detached houses with garages.

The cheapest family houses range from £80,000 to £100,000; the most expensive range from £140,000 to £270,000.

Alhough the market is improving, with demand increasing, recovery is being hampered by the shortage of good properties coming on to the market. "In this area, many families tend to stay in their property for a long period, usually for the duration of school life," says Mr Hobbs. "This reduces turnover."

Ricards Lodge

Lake Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 7HB (081-946 2208)
Age range: 12-16
680 girls
No sixth form; sixth form college at nearby Merton
Waiting list

Criteria for entry: siblings and distance from home. The school tries to accept all applicants in their jurisdiction.

● Wimbledon offers the common, the village, the tennis and good schools, says Gavin Fleming, from Hamiltons' Wimbledon office.

But young families, in particular, move to the area because of the good educational standards in its schools as well as the public open space.

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Open to visitors

The National Garden Scheme's Yellow Book is a treasure chest of gardens open to the public, says Stephen Anderton

The British may be renowned worldwide for their gardens, but does the rest of the world appreciate how much time we also spend *comparing notes?* As much energy must surely go into the national hobby of garden-visiting as goes into garden-making. Seeing other gardens is what makes a good gardener, and we are spoilt for choice. And with so many, choosing the best garden to visit can be difficult.

The National Garden Scheme, which has been running since 1927, has become a national institution, and its annual *Gardens of England and Wales*, better known as the Yellow Book, is the place to look for small, private gardens to visit. As the years pass, the book has grown fatter as the average garden has become smaller.

There are other good garden gazetteers, each with its own selection, but it is the Yellow Book which will have the new gardens, those which are just beginning to come of age, whatever their size, and are ready to enter gardening society. There is no shame here in being a first-timer.

The Willows, at Radcliffe on Trent, is only 12yd by 62yd and is by no means the smallest garden in the book. But it typifies some of the smaller town gardens, packed with interesting plants and tended with a passion by their owners. It proudly lists its appearances on television, always a sign of good plants and plenty of ideas from which to learn.

Some owners go so far as to list the number of species grown, or even the number of bulbs planted. This signifies a collector's garden, and there is a good chance that the plants will be labelled.

Part of the pleasure of visiting a private garden is to meet the owner and talk about plants. With luck, he or she will give you all the names you want, and may even have put temporary labels on the day's star turns, to field the inevitable queries.

The head gardener is on duty to answer questions at Abbots Ripton Hall in Cambridgeshire. However, many private gardeners do not label all the plants.

The expression "plantsman's garden" usually means there are rarities in store, occasionally at the expense of design, but these are personal choices: some belong to pubs and to schools: there is even a churchyard.

The day-out factor plays an important part in a garden's success. Wroxall Abbey School, Warwickshire, offers visitors evensong at 5pm, and Quoitings, Buckinghamshire, has a brass band. Many gardens propagate plants for sale.

Then there are the teas. For some, a garden visit without tea and home-made cakes is no visit at all, and there is considerable pressure from the public to provide teas where there is sufficient space.

Having paid, perhaps, as little as £1 for admission, visitors willingly invest in a cup of tea and a bite. Tilgates, in Surrey, thoughtfully offers hot soup on its January open days.

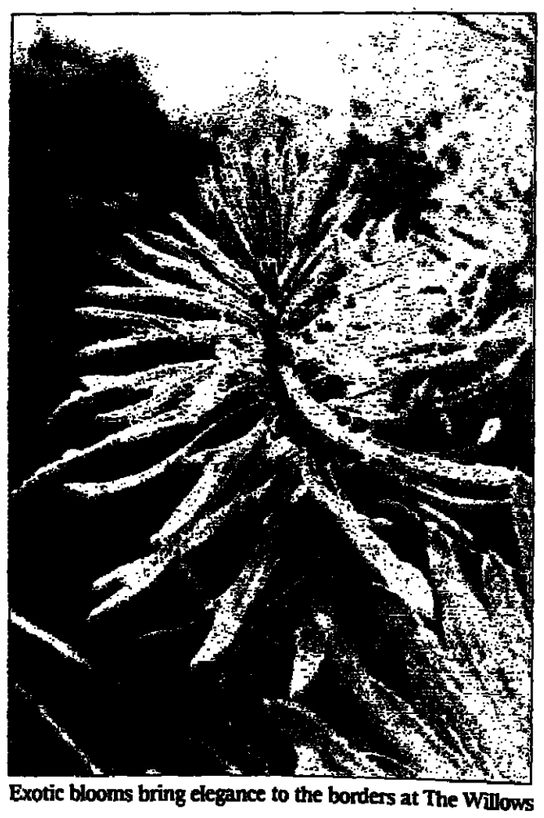
Many gardens now specify a charity towards which a proportion of their takings will be sent. Sometimes, several gardens in a village will club together to provide a communal opening to help the church fundraising efforts.

Such gardens are delightful surprises, as they often belong to keen, careful gardeners who would not otherwise invite anyone but friends.

The National Trust, as a major benefactor and beneficiary of the scheme, opens many of its gardens on certain days for the Yellow Book.

Standard prices apply, so you will still pay £3.50 to see Stowe, in Buckinghamshire, "Britain's largest work of art", but in the knowledge that on that day the money is going to the nursing charities supported by the scheme.

You will find other institutional gardens in the book, too, such as botanical gardens and colleges, which open for much of the year already. But as long as there are plenty of new, private gardens joining the scheme, the inclusion of institutions makes the Yellow Book a more complete representation of open gardens and a treasure chest for all those who want to enjoy them.



Exotic blooms bring elegance to the borders at The Willows

Smaller town gardens are packed with with plants and tended with a passion

The organisers of the scheme continue to print on relatively cheap paper, which means that, at £2.50, you can reasonably buy a new copy each year.

Assessing the merits of a large garden from its description is not easy. Fortunately, as garden history becomes more popular, owners are listing the names of designers, even modern designers, more frequently. Kitchen gardens and potagers increasingly attract their own following. You can even find organically managed gardens.

To avoid disappointment, get hold of the Yellow Book as soon as it appears, in March, and mark some dates in your diary. Many gardens will open by appointment, though it takes a certain nerve to ask for a private visit. But if you hit it off with the owner, it can be rewarding all round.

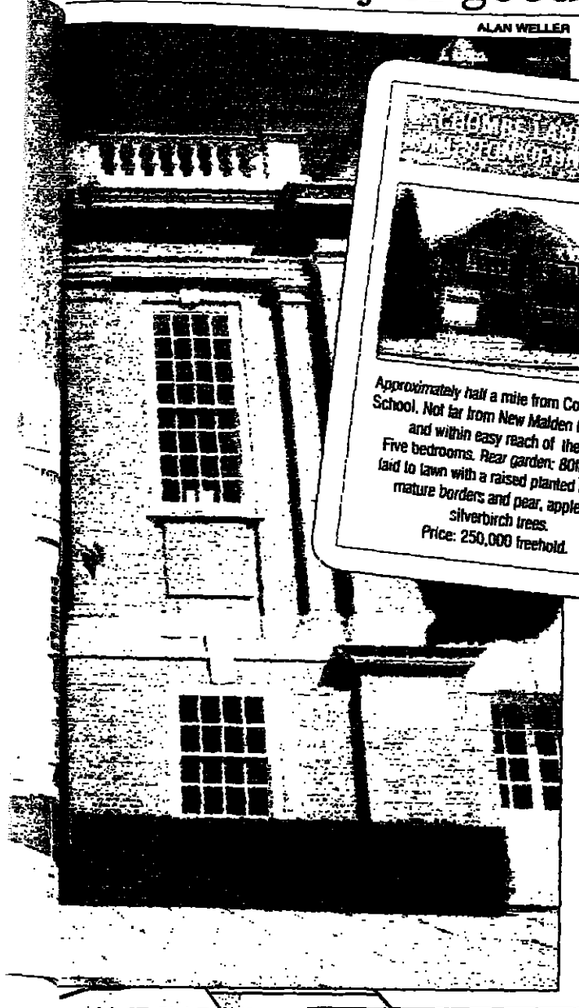
● Gardens of England and Wales 1993 *from bookshops and leading newsagents. £2.50. The 1994 edition can be ordered from The National Gardens Scheme, Hatchlands Park, East Clandon, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7RT (£3.75, incl UK postage).*

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...y...e availability of good state education. **Rachel Kelly** learns the lesson for parents

ALAN WELLER



Approximately half a mile from Coombe Girls' School. Not far from New Malden town centre and within easy reach of the A3. Five bedrooms. Rear garden: 80ft mainly laid to lawn with a raised planted rockery, mature borders and pear, apple and silverbirch trees. Price: 250,000 freehold.

DORA ROAD SW19



Approximately half a mile away from Ricards Lodge School. A 10-minute walk from Wimbledon Park underground station. A semi-detached six-bedroom Edwardian family house. Rear garden: approximately 45ft south facing, side access, mostly laid to lawn, raised patio area. Price: £249,000 freehold, subject to contract.



Approximately half a mile from the Sacred Heart High School, the house is very close to Brook Green. Underground stations: Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush. Roads: A4/M4 for access to central London (A4 East) and Heathrow/west of England (A4/M4 west). Three/four-bedroom house with roof terrace. Price: £229,950



Approximately 100yd from Henrietta Barnet School. Three bedrooms. Rear garden approximately 40ft. Very pretty. Mainly laid to lawn and contained by hedges with mature trees around it. Paved patio and a garden shed. Front garden paved with planted borders and off-street parking for three cars. Price: £325,000.



A terraced four bedroom (including loft room) house close to schools. Within a quarter of a mile of Highgate Village and tube station. Town garden: east-facing walled town garden (approximately 20ft) with raised and brick brick planter. Price: £265,000 freehold.



Henrietta Barnet School, Hampstead Garden Suburb, (left), Sheen School, East Sheen (far left, below), The Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith (below left), and William Ellis School, Kentish Town (below right)

The Sacred Heart High School

212 Hammersmith Road, London W6 7DG
(081-748 7600)
Age range: 11-16
620 girls
Voluntary aided
Waiting list in some years
Criteria for entry: Catholics only. Non-Catholics are considered if places are available; added help if siblings are at the school; preference given to girls who have ease of access to the school.

● The Sacred Heart competes with other top schools in the area, including St Paul's Girls' School in Brook Green. The school plans to add one more entry form in September 1994.

The area attracts two types of residents, says Edward Heaton from Winkworth's Hammersmith office: young professionals looking for two-bedroom flats and families looking for houses, especially since the arrival in the area of companies such as Polygram, United Distillers and Coca-Cola.

Property in the area is mixed — Edwardian, Victorian and modern — but Victorian terraces predominate. The Brook Green area is especially popular, with houses overlooking the green rarely on the market. Houses in the streets behind Brook Green are within easy walking distance of the school and find favour with parents. The cheapest family houses range from £140,000 to £170,000; the most expensive from £225,000 to £500,000.

Henrietta Barnet School

Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London NW11 7BN
(081-458 8999)
Age range 11-18
650 girls
Voluntary aided.
No waiting list although candidates have to apply a year in advance
Criteria for entry: strictly by examination; no official catchment area.

● In past years, Henrietta Barnet School has come top of *The Sunday Times*'s list of state schools. There is huge demand for places. Golders Green has a large Jewish community, whose members stress the importance of education.

Within the area — its boundaries are well defined, with Finchley Road to the east, the North Circular Road to the north, Hendon Way to the west, and south to the NW11 border — Hampstead Garden Suburb is a prime residential neighbourhood, created at the turn of the century.

The area was the inspiration of Dame Henrietta Barnet, whose dream was to bring together people of all classes and all ages in a tree-lined, open environment. It is ruled with a rod of iron by a very active residents' association.

Nowadays, most residents are reasonably to very well off, says Mr Phylix Thevaratnam, director of Winkworth's Golders Green office. "Buyers with daughters of the right age most certainly mind about the school and ensure that they buy within the boundaries of Hampstead Garden Suburb.

"The market has not changed significantly during the past decade, because there has always been a strong demand for family property. But the school has grown in stature, with ever higher academic standards," he says.

Criteria for entry: siblings: any proved social or medical needs are taken into account, for example dyslexia, home problems, or learning difficulties, and none is viewed negatively — the school has very well-regarded special needs departments: strong family connection, eg staff as parents. Small number of places reserved for committed musicians. Three-quarters of all places are awarded to local residents.



William Ellis School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RN (071-267 9346)
Age range: 11-18
625 boys with mixed sixth form
Waiting list: 236 applications for 124 places per year

● Clive Nunes, director of Winkworth's Kentish Town office, says: "The area by the school, which borders Highgate, is so attractive that it would be sought after regardless of the school. But, for many families, the school is an extra incentive that pushes up demand." Demand has increased with the ever-brightening glare of the spotlight on William Ellis: the school was recently featured in *Harpers & Queen*.

Mr Nunes tells the tale of a four-bedroom house in Woodsome Road, in the heart of Dartmouth Park: "It sold at £220,000 to a young family before we had time to print the property particulars."

The cheapest family houses in the area range from £110,000 to £160,000 in Kentish town; the more expensive range from £200,000 to £400,000, spilling into Highgate and Hampstead Heath.

The area is dominated by three and four-storey late-Victorian terraced houses. Some of the streets are of Hampstead quality, for example Dartmouth Park and the houses off Highgate Road close to the heath, but others are disrupted by extensive council development, good and bad, most built in 1962.

There are grander terraces and squares on the borders of Camden.

The closer to the Tube and the further from main roads, the higher the price, Mr Nunes says. The Northern Line at Kentish Town and Tufnell Park provides good access to the West End and the City and the British Rail North London line runs through Kentish Town West.

The proximity to Hampstead Heath assures the enduring popularity of the area, with the most expensive houses overlooking the heath.

NEXT WEEK

Outside London, the educated choice for house-hunters with school-age children

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...not changed during the ...t half-century," Mr Flem... says. "It has always attract... the lower middle classes.
However, property has ris... ...y value perhaps more ...idly than in other areas ...ause more families are ...ving out of central London ...ve in less densely populated ...as with more green space.
About 25 per cent of our ...licants ask to be within the catchment area of Ricards Lodge, perceived to be one of the best state schools in the area," he says.

"Parents talk about the school with pride."

The area is dominated by middle and upper-class housing, mostly attracting families to its long, leafy streets of large Edwardian semis and three or four-bedroom houses.

Houses bordering the common and in the heart of the village command the highest prices, with the cheapest family houses ranging from £130,000 to £150,000, and the most expensive homes ranging from £249,000 to £800,000.

One of the area's attractions is its good location: the journey from Wimbledon to Oxford Circus and the City by public transport takes only about 35 minutes.

The train journey from Wimbledon to Waterloo takes about 12 minutes, and there is good access to the A3.

JANE COLE



...e Willows, at Radcliffe on Trent, is just 12yd by 62yd, but delights visitors

Take a stroll

● HEAD for the peace and tranquillity of one of the many splendid gardens opening this year for the National Gardens Scheme on Monday.

● In Avon, **The Manor House**, Walton-in-Gordano, is a much-heralded four-acre plantsman's garden, featuring splendid alpines, trees and shrubs. Teas available; open 2-6pm. £1.

● In Devon, the all-seasons garden at **Silver Copse**, near Marsh Green, has a variety of shrubs and alpines. This plantsman's garden is extensive and has ornamental pools. Open 10am-5pm. 75p.

● Situated between Ewelme and Benson in Oxfordshire, **Loreto** is a garden which caters for all tastes, and the owners particularly welcome disabled visitors. Since 1974, it has been in the process of replanting and now provides a colourful display of bedding plants as well as shrubs, conifers and, of course, the water garden. Teas available; open 2-6pm. £2.

● In Faversham, Kent, enjoy the variety of specialist plants from all over the world at **Copton Ash**. The owner's collection of more than 300 apple and pear trees is fascinating. Teas available; open 2-6pm. £1.

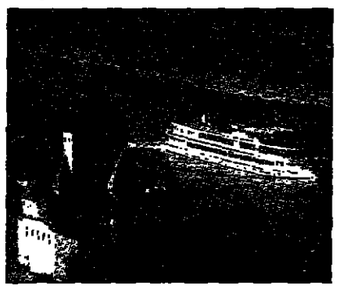
● In Gloucestershire, **Camp Cottage**, an exquisite, plant-lovers' 17th-century cottage garden can be found in the village of Highleadon, near Newent. A riot of colour greets the visitor, with unusual plants invading every corner. Old roses adorn the arched pergola and a short shrubland walk can be enjoyed through the ¾-acre grounds. Teas available; open 2-6pm. £1.

● In South Humberside, **The Cottages** at Barrow Haven, near Barton, has a wide range of trees, shrubs and perennials plus insects, birds and butterflies, an organic vegetable garden, photographic hides and a large selection of plants for sale. Teas available; open 11am-5pm. £1.

● Five miles north of Bolton in Lancashire is **Stonestack**, Turton, with a two-acre garden with rockeries, waterfall, ornamental fish pond, rose borders and bog garden. Fuchsias are a special feature. Teas and plants available; open 2-6pm. 50p.

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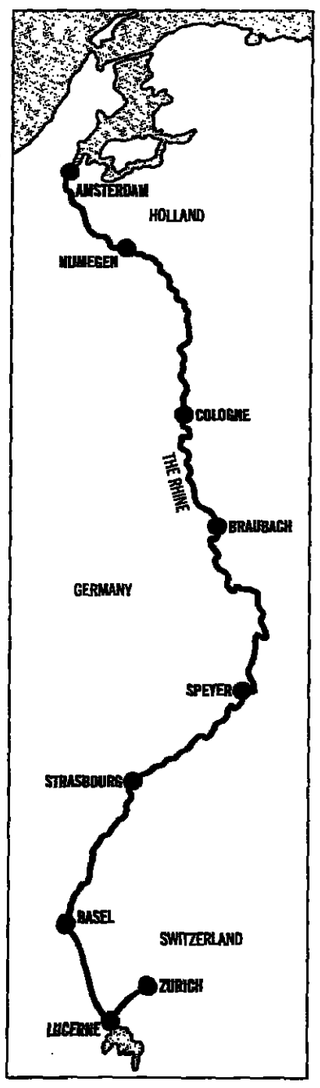


Following the four night cruise there will be a three night stay in Lucerne at the four star Montana, a delightful period-style hotel with excellent views of Lake Lucerne and the Alps. It is a splendid place to relax and the hotel even boasts its own cable car from the lobby to Lake Lucerne's shore.

The journey will be aboard the MS Austria. This vessel carries approximately 160 passengers in outside air-conditioned cabins with shower and toilet. Facilities include dining room, bar, observation lounge, reading room, verandah, sundeck, sauna, solarium and gift shop.

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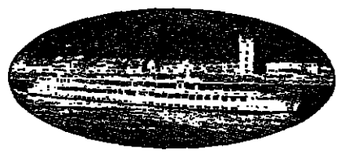
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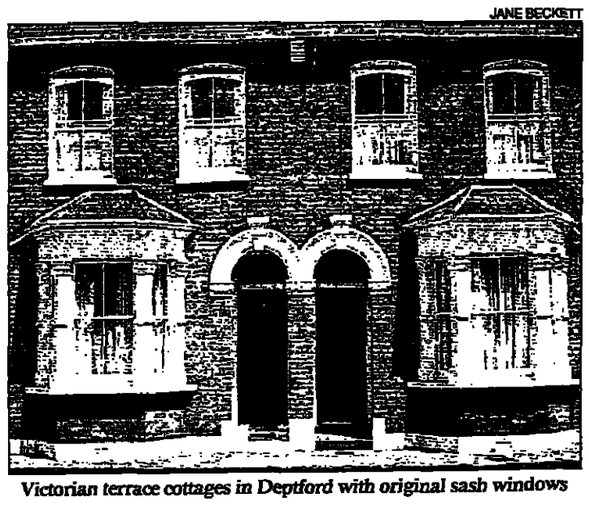
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Sash windows are worth preserving. **Marcus Binney** sees through the claims of double-glazing salesmen

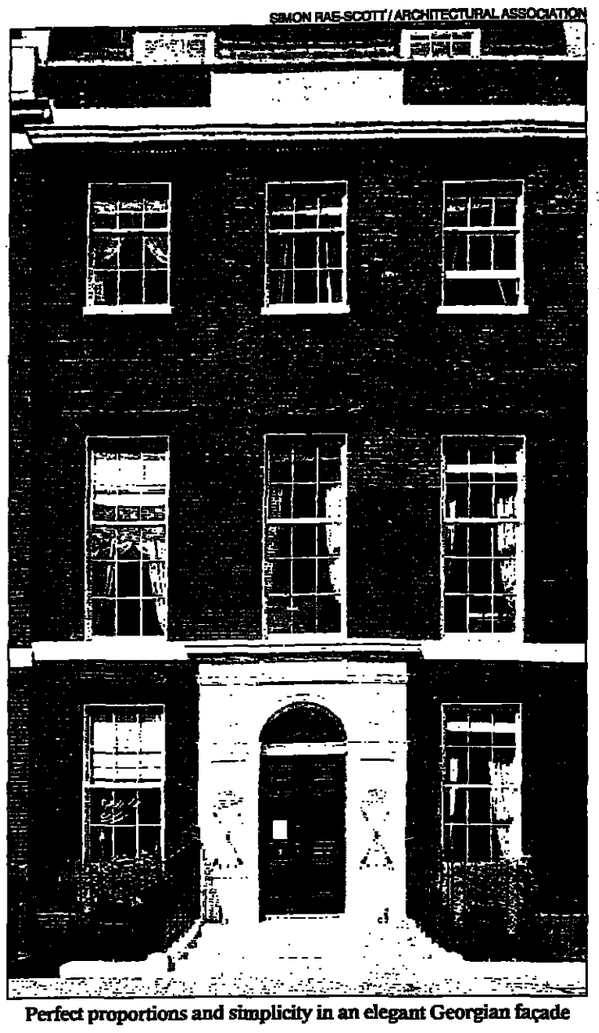
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Perfect proportions and simplicity in an elegant Georgian façade

Sash windows are as British as the Union Jack, and followed the fleet around the globe. On the Spanish island of Minorca, sash windows and gin continue as the marks of British occupation in the 18th century. In Britain, sash windows survived the introduction of plate glass in early Victorian times to become a trademark of almost every Edwardian terrace house.

As much trouble and craftsmanship could go into the making of a sash as the doors of a Georgian bureau bookcase. Charles Brooking, who has made a lifetime's study of sash windows, rescuing many from builders' skips, reckons he can date almost any sash window to within five years.

The big indicator is whether individual sashes have horns — projecting up or down from the central "meeting rails". Horns were introduced in the 1840s, almost certainly as a means of strengthening the frame in response to the extra weight of plate glass.

The earliest glazing bars were thick, an inch or more in width. From the 1750s, joiners created ever more slender glazing bars (or astragals), creating a host of mouldings such as lamb's tongue and ogee to add elegance to the internal face of the window.

Much of the beauty of Georgian architecture comes from perfect proportions and studied understatement. "A building, well proportioned, without dress, will ever please; as a plain coat may sit as graceful and easy on a well proportioned man," the architect Robert Morris wrote in 1750.

The sash window on a Georgian house is a perfect expression of this refinement. But there was never a standard window or pane size and joiners acquired a sense of proportion from familiarity.

Mr Brooking's exact dating comes from a study of details such as the pulleys on which the sash cords turn. These pulleys were first of wood, then of wrought and cast iron, and later bronze. Like any standard product, they were constantly being improved, and there are distinct local varieties. For this expert service, extending to detective work on all the fixtures and fittings of your house, Mr Brooking charges £35 an hour.

Problems arise with sash windows when they have not been maintained. Good advice is provided in *Windows*, the first of a series of 14 guides which covers all aspects of a Georgian house, published by the Georgian Group. Heavier glass may have been introduced without adjusting the counterweights on the sash cords. Access to these weights can be obtained by prising out the "pockets" at the bottom of the pulley stiles, though this may be better done by a joiner.

Sash cords and weights can be bought from most ironmongers and builders' merchants. The cords are cheap and can be of jute, cotton or nylon. Late 19th-century sashes were sometimes fitted with metal chains. Where sashes have stuck after repainting, they can be freed with a razor. A swollen sash may need to be planed down, but one reason many sashes rattle, Mr Brooking says, is that they were too vigorously planed in the past.

If repainting of the exterior is postponed too long, paint and putty crack and water seeps in, particularly through the sill and the bottom rail of the lower sash, starting rot which gradually creeps up the window. Rather than replace the whole sash, it should be possible to "scarf" in new pieces, that is, insert them so that they form a smooth surface in line with the original woodwork (this may have been done before).

If the builder has to take the sash to his workshop, make sure he keeps the old glass. It may be Georgian crown glass — so named because it was made at the works of the Duke of Buckingham and stamped with a crown — which has a broken surface, providing livelier reflections than modern glass.

Dr Steven Parissien, who is running the English Heritage window campaign "Framing Opinions", says: "An infra-red gun is available in Sweden with which you can remove rock-hard putty with ease and so save early glass." *Ventrolla of Harrogate (0423 567004)* is working on a British equivalent.

Dr Parissien also recommends a rather earlier piece of technology, the Simplex system, available in Scotland since the 18th century. "Just £8-worth of ironmongery enables you to convert the lower sash into an inward swinging window. It made window-cleaning easier in tall tenements," he says.

Another tip is provided by Mr Brooking. "Paint can often clog up the pulley stile, the groove in which the sashes slide. The inside stile can be left unpainted, while the external one may run more freely if you use wax or linseed oil."

The biggest threat to the traditional sash window comes from the double-glazing salesman. Dr Parissien set one up in a Grade II listed house where the sashes had been immaculately repaired. "You'll have to take those out, they're rotten", the salesman said, adding: "Don't worry, listed building controls only apply on windows of Grade I buildings." Not so.

Dr Parissien challenges the savings on heating bills claimed for UPVC windows. "The Building Research Establishment says the payback period is 20-25 years, by which time the plastic windows may themselves need replacing."

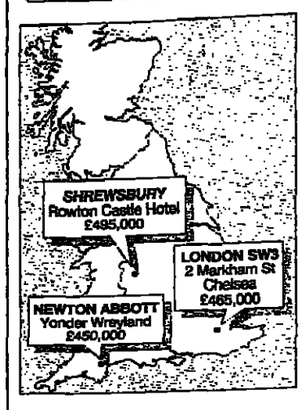
He proposes an alternative system of draught-proofing and will provide a list of suppliers around the country. "The payback on draught-proofing is three to ten years, or three to five if you do it yourself," he says.

Today, the tendency is to paint sash windows white, but in the later 18th century they were often grained in imitation of wood or painted in darker greys, browns, or greens. In Mayfair, London, many sash windows are painted black, and on the island of Jersey there is a tradition of painting the sash boxes a different colour, such as maroon or forest green, giving every householder his own livery.

● *Dr Steven Parissien at English Heritage, 071-973 3000. The Georgian Group Guide Windows, (Georgian Group) £2, plus 18p postage, from 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY (071-377 1722). The Repair of Wood Windows, (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings), £4 post free, from the Society at 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY (071-377 1644).*

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Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) . Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm

CRAZY FOR YOU: Thrillingly staged Gershwin
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm

GOING CONCERN James Clyde, Reece Dinsdale, Adam Godley represent the youngest of three generations working for an ailing billiards-table business Stephen Jeffreys' new comedy, directed by Matthew Lloyd
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Previews from Thurs, 8pm Opens Sept 8, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm mat Sat, 4pm

GREASE: Energetic, well-danced revival
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845) Mon-Sat 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm



Emma Kilcoyne: stars in *Amphibious Spangulatos*

HAIR Another Sixties *revival* Michael Bogdanov directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1. (071-928-7616). Previews from Monday, 7 45pm. Opens Sept 14, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats, Fri and Sat, 4pm.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

RACING DEMON: Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England, again with Michael Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies. Later in the month to be joined by *Murmuring Judges* and the last of the trilogy, *The Absence of War*.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1. (071-928-2252). Previews from Thurs, 7.15pm. Then in repertoire. Opens, with the other two plays, Oct 2: 10 30am.

SEPARATE TABLES. Peter Bowles and Patricia Hodge tap heartfelt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

SUNSET BOULEVARD: Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 *(071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats* Thurs and Sats, 3pm

SWEENEY TODD: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, *7 30pm, and 7.30pm Mon*-Wednesday, mats, mats Sat 2pm.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW Bill Alexander's lively and continually surprising production of this familiar, yet provoking play With Amanda Harris, Anton Lesser
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today and Mon and Tues 7 15pm, mat today, 2pm

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

THE SOLDIERS German week begins with Jacob Lenz's study of 18th-century garrison mentality, performed by the Glasgow Citizens Theatre, at Edinburgh for the first time in ten years.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street. Tues-Sat, 7.30pm Festival Box Office (031-225 5756).

JULIUS CAESAR: Two performances only of Peter Stein's mighty production, seen last year at the Salzburg Festival and requiring 200 extras Performed in German
Royal Highland Exhibition Hall, Ingleston (five miles west of Edinburgh). Wed and Thurs, 2 30pm, Festival Box Office (031-225 5756)

THE BROKEN JUG: Kleist's enjoyable courtroom comedy, first produced by Goethe (who butchered it) but here performed by the Deutsches Theater, Berlin In German
King's Theatre Leven Street. Thurs, Fri, Sat, 7 30pm Festival Box Office (031-225 5756).

REGIONAL

LIVERPOOL. Diana Rigg in the title role of *Medea*, Jonathan Kent's Almeida production of Euripides revised and en route to London
Playhouse, Williamson Square (051-709 8363) Previews Wed, 7 30pm Opens Thurs, 7 30pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7 30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2 30pm and Sat 4pm

MOLD: World premiere of a play derived from Marguerite Duras' cult film, *India Song*. A scandalous *love affair involving the wife of a* French ambassador is pieced together long afterwards. Annabel Arden and Anne Castledine co-direct.
Emlyn Williams Theatre, Theatre Clwyd (0352 755114). Previews from Fri, 7.45pm. Then Mon (except Sept 13) to Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.45pm. Until Sept 25. Closed Bank holiday Monday.

OXFORD: Harold Pinter's Royal Court production of *Oleanna* plays a week here before transferring to London's West End. Political incorrectness at the university.
Playhouse, Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Mon-Thurs and Sat, *7.30pm, Fri, 8pm, mats* Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

WATFORD: Season opens with Stoppard's double (almost triple) bill: *Dogg's Hamlet* and *The Real Inspector Hound*. Word games, a mini-*Hamlet* and a send-up of a murder-mystery.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Opens Fri, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats, Sat (from Sept 11), 3pm. Until Sept 25. Closed Bank holiday Monday.

FILM

APRES L'AMOUR (15): French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast. Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737).

BAMBI (U): Disney's classic about a young deer's forest life: still magical and moving after 51 years. Director, David Hand.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057).

BENNY'S VIDEO. Excellent, chilling study of one adolescent's *warped life, from German* director Michael Haneke.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde* Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias *Koteas*.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

CLIFFHANGER (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).



Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane: the entertaining American modern-dance troupe performs at Edinburgh (see Dance)

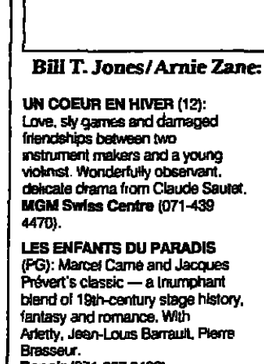
UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX (12): Weansome spoof of the *Rambo* school, with Charlie Sheen. Director, Jim Abrahams.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 *666) Odeon Swiss Cottage* (071-586 3057) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303).

HOUSE OF ANGELS (15): Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley. With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057).

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915 683).



Clint Eastwood: star of the thriller, *In the Line of Fire*

JURASSIC PARK (PG): Michael *Crichton's best-seller becomes a* clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098).

THE NIGHT WE NEVER MET (15): Romantic mix-ups in a time-shared New York apartment. Endearing comedy with Matthew Broderick, Annabella Sciorra, Kevin Anderson.
Odeon Haymarket (0426-915 353).

PERFORMANCE (18): Nicolas Roeg and Donald Cammell's trailblazing psychodrama, filmed in 1968, still looks exciting. James Fox, Mick Jagger.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

RED ROCK WEST (15) Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

LE SAMOURAI (PG): *Downfall* of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Lumière (071-836 0691)

THE SNAPPER (15): Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES III (PG): The turtles land in 17th-century Japan, only to find mundane adventure. Writer-director, Stuart Gillard.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098).

TOM AND JERRY — THE MOVIE (U): Limp feature debut of *MGM's battling duo: they talk*, they sing and, heaven forbid, become bosom buddies. Director, Phil Roman
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098).

THE VANISHING (12): Forget Hollywood's remake: see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege
Metro (071-437 0757).

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL. The Festival's focus on composer James MacMillan continues with the premiere of his Trumpet Concerto, performed by John Wallace and the Philharmonia Orchestra under Leonard Slatkin. Also on the programme is MacMillan's popular 1990 piece *The Confession of Isobel Gowdie* and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* (Usher Hall, tonight, 8pm). Among the week's international visitors are the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, conducted by Kurt Masur, performing Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2) and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* in the less familiar orchestral arrangement by Gorischakov (Usher Hall, Wed, 7.30pm), and Beethoven and Bruckner symphonies (Usher Hall, Thurs, 8pm). Among the highlights of the week's chamber concerts is a recital by soprano Dawn Upshaw, including songs by Schubert, Schumann, Debussy and Copland (Queen's Hall, Tues, 11am).
Edinburgh International Festival Box Office, 21 Market Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5756).

PROMS: The Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra make two appearances before heading north, with Bruckner's Fourth Symphony and Schubert's "Unfinished" (Mon), and Brahms's second Piano Concerto and Mendelssohn's incidental music for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* the following day. John Lill is the piano soloist, Kurt Masur conducts. Other highlights include Haydn's *The Seasons*, directed by Roger Norrington (tomorrow), and an all-Mozart programme (choral music and the "Paris" Symphony) performed by The English Concert and English Concert Choir, directed by Trevor Pinnock (Wed).
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212). Concerts start at 7.30pm, except tomorrow (7pm), Mon (8pm).

OPERA

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Director Robert Lepage (begetter of the National Theatre's "mudbath" *Midsummer Night's Dream*) makes a first foray into music theatre with an operative double-bill, performed by the Canadian Opera Company in its first visit to Edinburgh. On stage at the Playhouse (despite its recent fire damage) will be Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* and Schoenberg's operatic monologue *Erwartung*. The final *operatic offering in this year's* Festival (Thurs and next Sat) is Verdi's *Falstaff*, performed by Welsh National Opera, in a production by Peter Stein Donald Maxwell sings the title role, with Bryn Terfel as Ford and Nucia Focile as Nannetta.
Playhouse Theatre, Edinburgh (). *Bluebeard's Castle/Erwartung*: today and Sun, 7.30pm. *Falstaff*: Thurs and Sat, 7.30pm. **Edinburgh International Festival Box Office**, 21 Market Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5756).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: First of the opera companies to get its autumn season underway. ENO continues this week with a revival of David Alden's production of Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*, with Gregory Yurnsich in the title role, and Janice Cairns as his daughter (today, Wed). A revival of Kurt Weill's *Street Scene* takes over later in the week, with a 6pm start on Friday marking the first of the season's *Early Start Performances*.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161). All performances at 7 30pm, except Fri (6pm).

THE BACCHAE: More incidental music than full-blown opera, Opera Factory perform the world premiere of new music by *the Greek composer* Iannis Xenakis to accompany Euripides's play. David Freeman directs a company of singers and actors, accompanied by the Premiere Ensemble, conducted by Nicholas Kok.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, London, SE1 (071-928 8800). Wed to Sept 12 (except Fri and Sept 8), 7.45pm.

ROCK

BIG STAR. Capitalising on the Seventies revival, the influential Chicago band has reformed and is playing its first gigs in nearly 20 years
Reading Festival (info: 081-*963 0797, bookings: 071-284 4111*), tomorrow evening. **Leeds**, Duchess of York (0532 459929), Mon, 7.30pm. **London**, The Grand (071-738 9000), Tues, 7pm. **Glasgow University**, Queen Margaret Union (041-339 9784), Wed, 8pm.

RED STRIPE BLUES: This new weekend festival promises the best of British blues and rock. Highlights include Welsh guitar rockers, Man (today, midday) and Scotland's full-throated bluesman Tam White with his energetic eight-piece band (tomorrow, 7pm).
Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, London, W6 (081-748 3354), today and tomorrow from midday.

JEAN MICHEL JARRE: The French synthesiser player finds himself unexpectedly at the cutting edge of new music. His trademark mix of electronic sounds and light-show spectacle has been widely imitated by the techno brat pack. This multi-media show, part of a European tour, offers a high-tech presentation of his latest album, *Chronologie*.
Wembley Stadium, Middlesex (081-900 1234), today, 6.30pm.



Jean Michel Jarre: with a spectacle at Wembley

NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL: Descended from the Trinidad festival, this traditional event features gaudy costumes, floats and bands such as Inner Circle and Chaka Demus & Pliers.
Notting Hill, London, W11, steel *band competition today, from 10am;* children's carnival tomorrow, from 10am; adults' carnival Mon, 10am-8pm.

READING '93: An impressive line-up includes today, The The, Siouxsie and the Banshees and Radiohead, and tomorrow, New Order and Dinosaur Jr.
Reading Festival *(info 081-963* 0797, bookings 071-284 4111), today and tomorrow, from midday.

JAZZ

KENNY BAKER'S DOZEN: Led by the inspirational trumpeter and composer, now 72, this new band loosely approximates Baker's classic 1950s outfit.
Ronnie Scott's, Birmingham (021-643 4525), Wed to next Sat, 7 30pm.

CLACTON JAZZ FESTIVAL: The seaside town is inundated with jazz heavyweights including today: Humphrey Lyttelton (8pm) and the John Etheridge band (8pm); tomorrow: singer Claire Martin (6pm), pianist Jason Rebello (7 45pm) and Bill Bruford's Earthworks (9.15pm); and Monday: cornetist Digby Fairweather (8pm) These gigs are all at the Princes Theatre apart from the John Etheridge band which appears at Tom Peppers pub. *Claire Martin can also be seen at* the Pizza on the Park, London, SW1 from Monday to next Saturday.
Clacton Jazz Festival (box office 0255 423400), today, from 11.30am, tomorrow, from 12.30pm, Mon, from 8pm.

DANCE

BILL T. JONES/ARNIE ZANE: When Arnie Zane was alive, his professional partnership with Bill T. Jones was a striking combination of opposites Jones, tall, black and graceful, Zane, short, white and angular. Through their athletic and energetic dances they explored contemporary issues such as race, sexuality and nuclear war Now, five years after Zane's death, Jones is still controversial (the company's Edinburgh programme carries a warning about nudity) while also managing to be entertaining and inspiring at the same time. One of America's *leading modern dance troupes*.
King's Theatre, Leven Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5756), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat. tomorrow, 2.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

CAREL WEIGHT RA. After chugging along as a respected but relatively unsung RA for most of his career during the last ten years Weight has suddenly been taken up by the avant-garde. Now, to mark *his 65th birthday comes this* mini-retrospective of work from 1927 to 1991 The awkwardly expressive style remains unmistakable
Christie's, 8 King Street, SW1 (071-839 9060) Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm Wed to Sept 15 Closed Bank holiday Monday

BERNARD OF HOLLYWOOD If any single person discovered Norma Jean Baker and began her transformation into Marilyn Monroe, it was the photographer Bruno Bernard who met and started to photograph her in 1946 This show also features pictures of Marlene Dietrich, Clark Gable, Rita Hayworth, John Wayne and Jayne Mansfield.
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1 (071-401 2636). Daily, 10am-6pm, from Thurs Closing date not set.

BURNE-JONES: After a period of neglect Edward Burne-Jones is receiving increasing critical attention these days. Virtually self-taught, he belongs to the second, more openly symbolist phase of Pre-Raphaelitism, and has many connections with the Arts and Crafts movement
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-887 8000). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5 50pm, until Nov 7

PICTURES IN PICTURES The second of the National Gallery's new series of small shows "Themes and Variations" draws on the gallery's collection to indicate the different ways a variety of painters from Vermeer to Degas have used pictures as more or less significant props in interiors.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2 (071-839 3321) Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm) Sun, 2-6pm, until Sept 19

PISSARRO: THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY: In the last decade of his life (1893-1903) Pissarro virtually forsook the rural themes of his earlier work for an extended consideration of the Paris street scene This show of more than 60 of his paintings makes a case for his sense of painting in series.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 10.

REGIONAL

THE POWER OF THE MASK: The Royal Museum of Scotland's big festival show this year is devoted to the mask, viewed in three different cultural contexts: play, ritual and carnival.
Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh (031-225 7534). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm, until Oct 31.

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: The Scottish National Gallery's summer show evokes the relationship of Hans Holbein the Younger and the English Court with drawings and miniatures.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2pm-5pm. Dunng Festival, Aug 15-Sept 4, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm, until Sept 26.

FROM VIEW TO VISION: The Whitworth Art Gallery's significant contribution to the Year of the *Watercolour is a selection from its* own collection from 1750 to 1850, Sandby to late Turner.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (Thurs to 9pm), until Oct 2

GEORGE WALTON: Though usually overshadowed by his contemporary, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Walton (1867-1933) was a considerable architect and designer of interiors furniture and fabrics.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041-357 3929) Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 11am-5pm, *until Sept 19*

BOOKINGS

THE TEMPEST . . . AFTER SHAKESPEARE As part of this year's National Youth Theatre of Great Britain London season, Nick Hedges's acclaimed reworking of Shakespeare's play returns to The Place where it was first seen in 1991. Choreographed by Matthew Bourne, the piece uses dance, mime, magic and masque to convey the magical island world, revealing influences from music hall to court masque Designs are by Brian Lee and the music will include Elizabethan madrigals.
The Place, Duke's Road, London, WC1 (071-387 0031). previews Sept 6, 8pm, then Sept 7-18 8pm, Sat mats, 3pm

JAMAIS VU A masterly, often surreal raconteur, Ken Campbell offers another one-man show to complete the trilogy began by *Furtive Nudist* (1991) and *Pigspurt* (1992). The entire three-parter is to be performed on Oct 9 and 23
Cottesloe, National Theatre (071-928 2252), previews Oct 7, opens Oct 8

NEW VIDEOS

THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE (Lumiere, U) Launder and Gilliat's film of John Dighton's farce about Margaret Rutherford's schoolgirls billeted with Alastair Sim's boys. Plot, character, dialogue, performer all dovetail marvellously. 1950



Sim: from *The Happiest Days of Your Life*, 1950

HORRORS OF THE BLACK MUSEUM (Lumiere, U). Enjoyably lurid melodrama from horror producer Herman Cohen, with Michael Gough. 1959.

LIQUID SKY (Tartan, 18): Heroin-addicted aliens visit New York model Anne Carlisle. Fascinating, delirious mix of social satire, punk fashions and SF spoof from Russian émigré Slava Tsukerman. 1982.

OLIVIER OLIVIER (Tartan, 18): A teenager missing for six years *returns home: but is it really him?* Intriguing true story, persuasively acted, though visually prosaic. Director, Agnieszka Holland. 1992.

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor, **New Videos:** Geoff Brown, **Bookings:** Stephanie Billen

WORD-WATCHING

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BOSA

(b) A popular acidulated and alcoholic drink in Egypt, at any rate among Egyptians who are not zealous or batty Islamic fundamentalists, brewed by fermenting an infusion of millet-seed, with the addition of certain astringent substances; also an inebriating preparation of darnel-meal, hemp-seed and water. The Middle Eastern equivalent of beer.

AMICT

(c) A garment, whether ecclesiastical or lay. A loose cloth or wrapper, whether for the head or the shoulders. A kerchief or cloth tied round the head. Something thrown around the body, a loose upper garment. Also the first of the six garments that are common to bishops and priests.

GANTLOPE

(a) A military (occasionally also naval) punishment in which the culprit had to run stripped to the waist between two rows of men who struck at him with sticks or knotted cords.

FLANDAN

(a) A part of a lady's head-dress, a kind of pinner joining with the bonnet. *Top-knots*: **" "Will it not be convenient to attack your Flandan first?' says the maid."**



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MIDLANDS

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Brutal view of dark tragedy

OPERA: **Richard Morrison** reviews the opening night of English National Opera's first season under its new management

Simon Boccanegra
Coliseum

Ring out the old: ring in the... old. That was the rather strange feeling at the London Coliseum on Thursday, allegedly the first night of English National Opera's new life under the direction of Dennis Marks and Sian Edwards.

In the unlikely event that I find myself running an opera house, I don't think I would be generous enough to open my first season by reviving one of the less glorious productions from my predecessor's era. Nor, if I were the ENO's new music director, would I renounce my prerogative to conduct the first night in favour of an unknown Iranian who directs the second-best orchestra in Belgium.

But there you are: nobler spirits than mine are at the helm. So in comes David Alden's 1987 production of *Simon Boccanegra*, not seen for five years and not much lamented either. It is a mean-spirited staging of one of Verdi's greatest tragedies: mean in David Fielding's designs (out go all traces of the 14th century Genoa and the sea: in come the bric-a-brac costumes, bare pastel-shaded flats and harsh lighting that epitomised late-Eighties ENO style); and also mean in philosophy. Alden puts the emphasis firmly on brutality and mendacity (sometimes even when the music is lyrical and gentle) — which is only half the story.

Of course *Boccanegra* is a sombre work, with a plot of infamous complexity. It is one of those operas in which about half-a-dozen baritones, each with half-a-dozen dark Italian reasons for wanting revenge on the others, seem to hurl curses at each other until somebody, or preferably everybody, dies.

But the intricacies of the story mattered less to Verdi than the fact that it touched on matters dear to him. There are long-separated families reunited; bickering Italian factions reconciled; and, at the opera's heart, a truly credible picture of a great statesman fatally flawed by private anguish.

It is this rounded view of humanity that is missing from Alden's production, though it has an array of striking theatrical moments, and more symbols than the Highway Code. On the other hand, he does work the big scenes well. The tremendous council meeting that concludes Act I has all the ugly messiness of a street brawl, and is only bettered by the opera's final scene, with the dying Boccanegra wrapped in his own epitaph like a corpse in a shroud, and the crowd slowly walking past him as if he were already history.

The singing on Thursday was not uniformly compelling; the conducting generally neat but woefully lacking in fire. It is easy enough to make Verdi's great unison fortissimos sound baleful, but in the pit Alexander Rahbari seemed reluctant to bring out the sensuous possibilities of this marvellous score, particularly in the potentially ecstatic father-daughter recognition scene.

Nor did he inject enough fervour into the more turbulent accompaniments. An orchestra that is properly fired up in Verdi can offer a sub-text all of its own. That never happened.

Gregory Yurisich, in the title-role, was happiest, both vocally and theatrically, in the big melodramatic moments. His exchange of oaths with Keith Latham's Paolo — a jumbo-sized nasty straight out of the Orson Welles *Touch of Evil* textbook — was a gripping moment. David Rendall, suffering from a cold, nevertheless managed a strongly-characterised Gabriele, and John Connell's rugged Fiesco lacked presence only on his lowest notes. But Janice Cairns, as the long-lost Amelia, had an indifferent evening: though she maintained an admirable legato line, her tone became strangely pinched in quieter passages, and her acting seemed mechanical at times.

DONALD COOPER



Gregory Yurisich as the dying Simon Boccanegra, "wrapped in his own epitaph like a corpse in a shroud", in David Alden's revived English National Opera production at the London Coliseum

Common ground in mid-Atlantic

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Within just a few weeks of each other, two virtuoso ensembles, one from the New World, and one from the Old, have released discs which home in on new music from America. Their excitingly complementary programmes make for challenging and irresistible summer listening.

At the centre of the **Emerson Quartet's** latest recording (DG 437 537-2) is the newest work of all: Richard Wernick's Fourth String Quartet of 1990, a diptych of movements written specially for the Emersons. The scherzo of the second movement parodies the second theme of the first, and is part of an alternating scherzo-arioso-scherzo pattern which this composer "from the New World" creates in deliberate homage to Dvořák and to the oscillating duple and triple rhythms of his F minor trio.

If all this (to say nothing of a particularly obfuscatory programme note) proves a bit too much for the innocent ear, then just enjoy Wernick's bold, extrovert writing for strings in all its wild and surprising variety. It seems, after all, something of a bagatelle when heard alongside Gunther Schuller's expressionistic Quartet No 3. Written in 1986, this piece moves from an intense and enigmatic opening movement whose great chords blister the surface of the score, to a song of a second movement. The first violin surfaces, with great effort, as if to free itself from the stranglehold of the uncertain harmonic embrace of the other instruments.

It was the sounds and techniques of string writing in the Baroque age, long before the quartet was thought of, which inspired Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Harbison in his Second String Quartet, also written for the Emersons in 1987. Five continuous movements assemble a *luminous* collage of fantasia, counterpoint, aria, and chorale, without ever resorting to mere pastiche.

Harbison's *Quintet for Winds* was written some ten years earlier and is itself the centrepiece of an enterprising and constantly surprising new disc from the **Reykjavik Wind Quintet** (Chandos CHAN 9174). Here, the "virtuosity quotient" is raised progressively in each of five movements, from the high horn and bassoon calls which punctuate the hieratic summons of the Intrada to the elusive and wayward clarinet and oboe melismas of the Romanza where each instrument strays audaciously and mysteriously into the other's territory.

Gunther Schuller makes an appearance here, too, though in almost unrecognisable disguise. As a horn-player himself, Schuller writes some delicious lines, relished by the RWQ's Joseph Ognibene, in the central blues movement of three deft jazz miniatures which form his 1945 Wind Suite, played here with great poise and polish. A skilfully engineered recording made in the airy acoustic of the Snape Maltings.

HILARY FINCH

EDINBURGH THEATRE

Correct, cant-free, bloody good fun

Bloodstream
Traverse

On a Fringe characteristically long on earnestness and self-importance, the most sheerly engaging show yet hails from South Africa. From Johannesburg's Market Theatre come two blood cells who make a perilous journey through the body (politic as well as biological) to the brain in an attempt to change the mind of a lumberjack about to cut down the last tree on the planet.

On the way our heroic corpuscles meet the kidneys — grumbling old gor-blimey cockney socialists — the strap-hanging testicles and a manic American DJ who runs CNS (Central Nervous System) on the lines of a zany radio station.

Apart from its ecological correctness, the fable's heart is in the right place politically as well as biologically. Our intrepid travellers have to avoid patrols of the CIA (Conscious Intelligence Army) who maintain the body's power structure. Workers of the ARS (anal and rectal system) answer back. You can read between the South African lines.

None of which weighs too heavily on what can be enjoyed as a hugely ingenious fantasy. The author Andrew Buckland is joined by Lionel Newton for an hour and a half without scenery or props except for a potted plant and some puffs of smoke.

In Janet Buckland's production the plucky corpuscles (one red, one white: no apartheid here) squelch and slosh through our inner liquids, squeeze through unexpected apertures, twang through tissues. Athletic and inexhaustible, they display a range of accents and vocal effects (including a nifty line in echoes) before attaining a happy ending. They deserve full houses.

MARTIN HOYLE

EDINBURGH FRINGE: **Kate Bassett** on unfunny bickering over money and sponsorship on the comedy scene

Stand up and fight

Comedy and quarrels seem inextricable at the Edinburgh Festival. Out front, of course, it is all smiles. Comics have audiences rolling in the aisles or — during Saturday's performance of *Sod* by Arthur Smith — falling off their seats snoring, an alternative way of bringing the house down.

However, behind the scenes it is, apparently, all-out war. It is not just that theatre practitioners are throwing tantrums about comedy taking over the festival. Razor-tongued comics are laying into each other over who comes out tops in the Perrier Award, to be announced at midnight tonight.

The shortlist this year includes Phil Kay, Lee Evans, Donna McPhail, Greg Proops, Parrot, Johnny Meres and Corky and the Juice Pigs. Grumbles abound about the panel members' personal bias and their selection of commercially safe bets — though Nica Burns, director of the award, stresses the nomination procedures are scrupulously fair and open.

Meanwhile, the performers' promoters — notably the major rivals Avalon and Off The Kerb — have gangs in the streets in the battle of the fly-posters. Simultaneously, these promoters are at violent odds with their common enemies the venue managers, who think *they* run the show.

That is what the papers say. But then the Edinburgh Festival is rife with media hype. Addison Cresswell of Off The Kerb, speaking of the rivalry between himself and Jonathan Thoday of Avalon, says: "It's a big myth. They think we're the Kray brothers or something. I talk to Jonathan most evenings and we have nice old nights out and a laugh."

Similarly, asked about tension between himself and William Burdett-Coutts, who runs the Assembly Rooms, Cresswell declares: "That's just the newspapers stirring up trouble. William is a very old mate of mine. You print *that*."

At the same time Cresswell himself, with his wideboy patter, has a knack of making comedy at Edinburgh sound like a mafia racket. This year's coming together of the three big venues, the Assembly Rooms, Pleasance and Gilded Balloon, really does sound like a sinister cartel. "If I fall out with, say, certain people in those venues," says Cresswell, "they can block me out."

Promoter Pete Harris, of the smaller company H & I, is fiercely frank. "There is immense bad feeling, even if people don't tell you that," he says. Avalon and Off The Kerb, with the power and contacts (as well as excellent acts and efficient marketing of course), seem to have a monopoly on the Assembly Rooms and the Pleasance.

Moreover, the three big venues are marketing their acts as the Stella Artois Comedy Festival. The glossy brochure advertising this leaves comics performing elsewhere out in the cold. However, Avalon and Off The Kerb have worries too, now. The merger gives the three big venues bargaining power. Before, the promoters were able to play the venues off against each other.

Cresswell, for all his disclaimers, is clearly riled. "The venues have got us over a barrel now," he says. "Our power will probably wane. But we have the acts and they should never forget that. If I don't bring the acts, the Assembly Rooms don't operate."

There was what Burdett-Coutts jollily calls a big argie bargie back in January. The united venues made moves to consolidate film and television rights over the acts they would house during the festival. The promoters were not amused and the idea was shelved.

Currently, promoters and performers are keen to know where the Stella Artois sponsorship money is going. It is not filtering down to them, they say. The rents are high and they have to pay to be in the brochure.

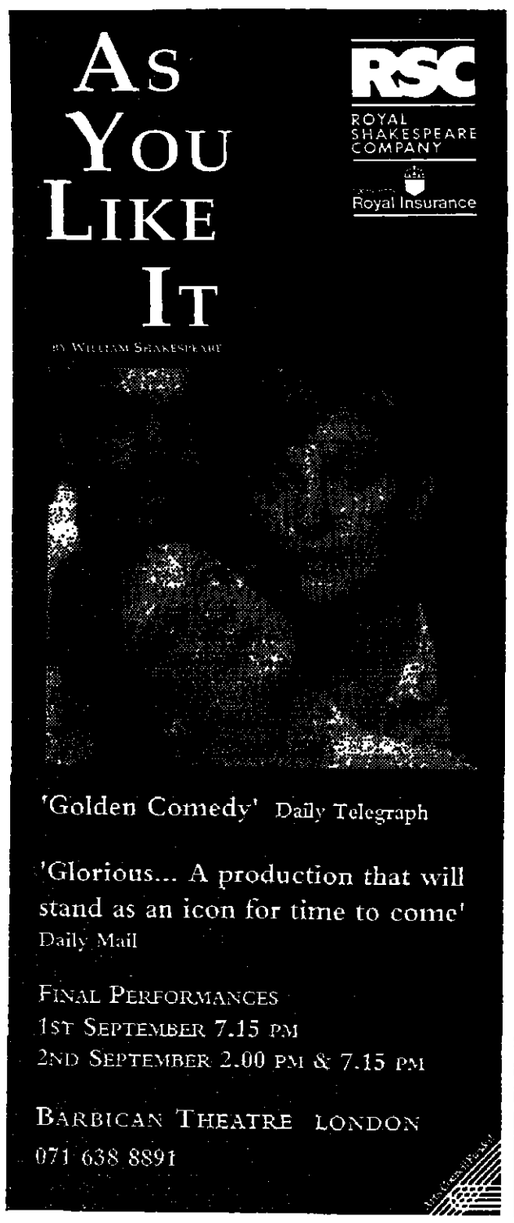
The venue managers insist they are not making large profits. They struggle to make ends meet, put any profits back into the system, and themselves face rocketing rent bills from the city council. Burdett-Coutts and Christopher Richardson at the Pleasance insist they manage the venues more for love than money. In the meantime the profiteering promoters — the half-joke goes — drive back to London with security vans full of money.

Stand-up can be lucrative, but most comics lose money at Edinburgh. The festival is, undeniably and increasingly, about financial deals. It is clearly a showcase for comedians, but many still bring experimental material and deny they are out to win the Perrier or get picked up by producers.

The schisms are there. The Comedy Festival, however, is managing to retain its humour. As Christopher Richardson puts it: "this is the largest collection of the most difficult people in the world. And I would add the most delightful, before I get ripped to pieces on the way home."



Lee Evans: one of the comics shortlisted for the Perrier



LONDON THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** on revitalised Priestley

Exploding an old chestnut

An Inspector Calls
Aldwych

Festooned with major awards (Best Director, Best Designer, Best Revival) Stephen Daldry's thrilling excavation job on Priestley's old rep standby now crosses the river from the National to take up residence in the West End.

Once again, before the dialogue begins, a small boy clambers out of an air raid shelter at the front of the stage and turns on a 1940s radio. He tries to lift the heavy red curtain, at first in vain, but, as the pulse of Stephen Warbeck's music becomes ever more insistent, the curtain does rise — to give us one of the most awe-inspiring moments in modern theatre.

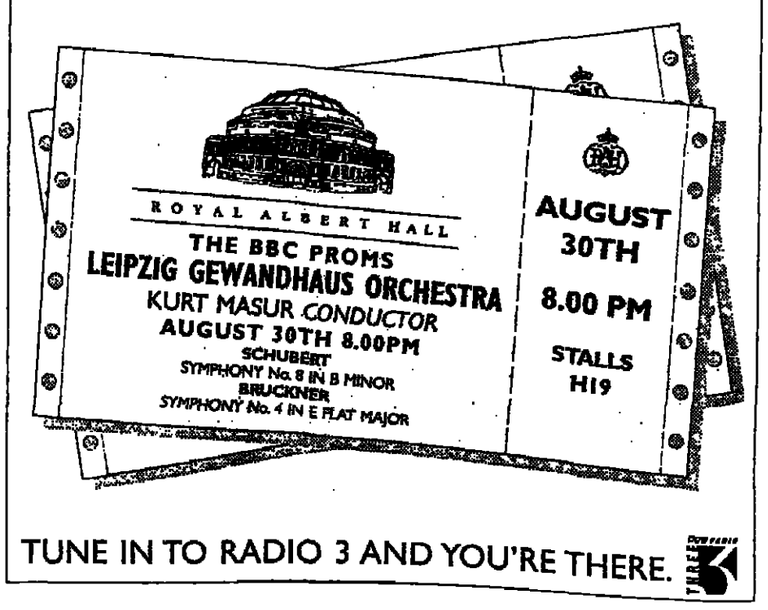
The play's well-known story, set in 1912, tells of a complacent Yorkshire family questioned by a strange inspector about the suicide of a working girl. Each in turn discovers his or her responsibility for the girl's decline and death.

Daldry's achievement has been to lift the drama out of its framed dining-room set and show us the Birling family in a wider context. Not that of their own time, on the eve of the first world war, but in the closing stage of the second, when the play was written. Its social message — we must take care of one another or be destroyed — is powerfully reinforced by a crowd of onlookers, representing the postwar generation: silent, waiting, to remind us that selfishness kills.

The Birling family has isolated itself, and Ian MacNeil's astonishing set expresses this in the most daring way, placing a giant doll's house of a home on stilts above a cobbled landscape, wreathed in fog, soaked in rain.

After the housefront hinges open and Kenneth Cranham's implacable Inspector has begun his work, the braying voices become natural. Louis Hilyer, the Birling son-in-law, and like Cranham in the original cast, has made his self-discovery more heartbroken. Sylvestra le Touzel in her equivalent scene also touches the heart. Julian Glover, Judy Parfitt's implacable matriarch and Scott Handy complete this excellent cast.

THE SUNDAY TIMES
Branagh and the Bard
It's life-affirming and full of fun. Only misanthropes will dislike what's on offer in Kenneth Branagh's Much Ado About Nothing, says Iain Johnstone, who believes the film's director and star has a direct line of communication to the Bard.
Plus, Russell Jackson, fellow of the Shakespeare Institute at the University of Birmingham, reveals how he coaches Branagh's Renaissance company on Shakespeare's dialogue. Much Ado has more dialogue than most films, and Jackson tells how a simple inflection or pause can make the sense clearer, like a lens suddenly pulled into focus.
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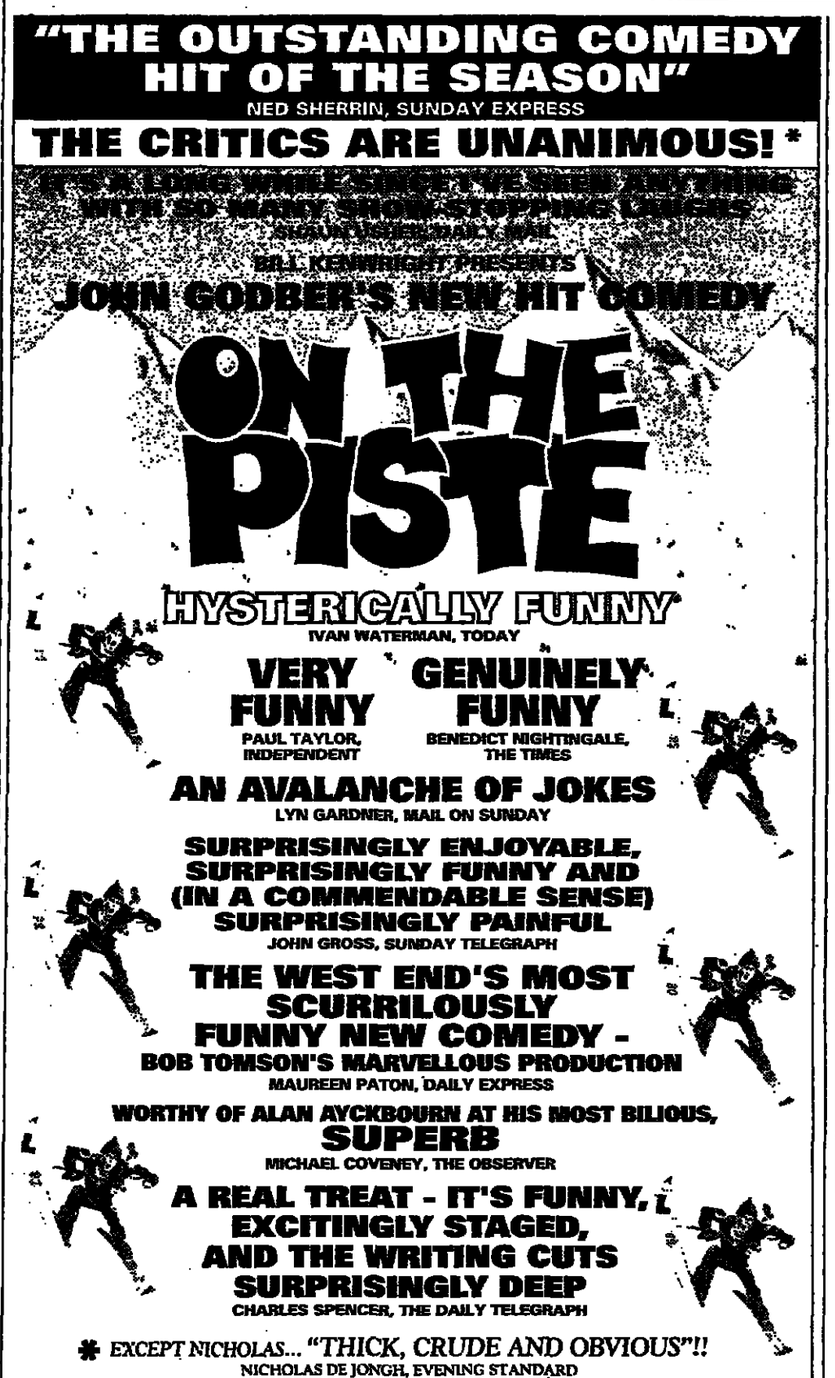


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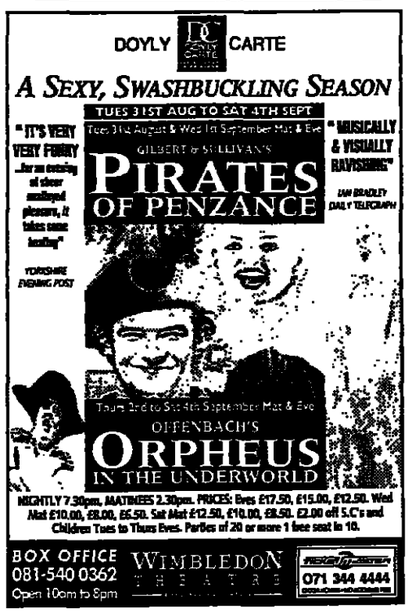
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7.00 Ceefax (7865190)
7.25 News and weather (8417770) **7.30 Pinocchio.** Cartoon (6594521) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show.** *Animated triple bill (r)* (3907480)
8.20 McGee and Me. Animation and live action (4583799) **8.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates.** *Cartoon adventures of the eternal boy (r). (Ceefax)* (s) (6099480) **9.00 Parallel 9** (s) (31804480)
10.55 Film: Animalympics (1980). Feature-length cartoon about *the world's first animal Olympics* (9757409) **12.12 Weather** (5281596)
12.15 Grandstand. Introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): *12.20 (4737577)* Football Focus; **1.00** (88743995) **News**; **1.05** (4921916) Special Olympics; **1.55** (93264041), **2.25** (94148683) and **3.00** (5193954) Racing from Goodwood: (2.00) Sport on 5 March Stakes; (2.30) Ladbroke Racing Spring Handicap Stakes; (3.10) Tripleprint Celebration Mile; **2.05** (11352138) and **2.35** (3049683) Show Jumping; **3.15** (1065409) Hockey: Women's Champions Trophy from Amsterdam; **3.50** (1641664) Football half-times; **4.00** (7793193) Triathlon: ITU world championship from Manchester; **4.40** (3570596) Final Score
5.05 News with Philip Hayton (Ceefax) (2761770) **5.15 Regional news** and sport (8569312)
5.20 Edinburgh Military Tattoo 1993. Highlights from Edinburgh Castle. Tom Fleming describes the scene as the combined Massed Pipes and Drums and Military Bands of the Scottish Division celebrate this year's theme of Royal Scotland. With the Royal Norwegian Guard, the Lochiel Marching Team from New Zealand, accompanied by the Wanganui City Brass, and the Mounted Band of the Blues and Royals. (Ceefax) (6023157)



Jessica Tandy helps to turn the tables (6.20pm)

6.20 Film: Batteries Not Included (1987). Husband and wife, Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy, star in this charming science-fiction fantasy, based on a story by Steven Spielberg. Miniature flying saucers turn the tables on a land developer using bully-boy tactics to evict the stubborn residents of a New York tenement block. Directed by Matthew Robbins. *(Ceefax) (s) (41708683)*
8.00 Open All Hours. Ronnie Barker stars as the miserly grocer with a roving eye (r). (Ceefax) (8138)
8.30 Birds of a Feather: Schooling. *Pauline Quirke* and Linda Robson as Essex girls Sharon and Tracy. Sharon joins the upper crust (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7645)
9.00 News. *(Ceefax) Sport and weather (935954)*
9.20 Spender: Well, Well, Well. Jimmy Nail's canny Geordie detective is out of town and unable to help *Stick (Sammy Johnson) who has had a run-in with* the law (r). (Ceefax) (s) (357664)
10.10 Match of the Day. Highlights from two of today's *FA Premiership matches* (4924645)
11.15am Film: The French Connection II (1975). Gene Hackman returns as tough New York cop "Popeye" Doyle in this uncompromising sequel, edited for bad language. The trail of drug kingpin Alain Charnier (Fernando Rey) leads to the streets of *Marseilles, culminating in a riveting chase.* Directed by John Frankenheimer (228770)
1.10 Weather (4522813). Ends at **1.15**

BBC2

7.05 Open University: Maths: Modelling Cranes (7882003) **7.30** Urban Development: Gainers and Losers (3996374) **7.55** Global Sea-Level (5144080) **8.20** Biology: The Regulation of Flowering (1115206) **8.45** The Victoria and Albert Museum (6093206) **9.10** History of Technology: Soap and Water (5099848) **9.35** Dating a Granite (2587770) **10.00** Politics, Patriotism and Authority in *Richard II* (2836041) **10.25** Computing: Ticket to Fly *(3463003) 10.50 Health Care* Who Calls the Shots? (7287503) **11.15** The Traditions and the Environment (9604935) **12.05** Outsiders In *Muslims in Europe (6985616) 12.55 Clement* Greenberg on Jackson Pollock (4215206) **1.20** Technology: Writing a Report (3196664) **2.10** The Developing World: *Towards a Better Life* (14221003) **2.35** Environment: The Heat is On (3047225)
3.00 Film: Giant (1956) *starring Elizabeth Taylor and* Rock Hudson. Sprawling epic, based on Edna Ferber's novel, about two generations of a Texan cattle-ranching family. James Dean's role, from surly young ranch-hand to elderly oil tycoon, was to be his last. The director, George Stevens, won an Oscar *(30703596)*
6.10 Animation Now. An artist and a model discuss the nature of creativity in *The Studio* (106409)



Writer James Baldwin remembered (6.20pm)

6.20 Film: James Baldwin – The Price of a Ticket (1989). A moving documentary portrait of the American writer, told by his family and friends. Directed by Karen Thorsen (8570409)
7.45 News and sport. (Teletext) Weather (668288)
8.00 Rhythms of the World: Jorge Ben in Performance. See Choice (4409)
9.00 Teenage Diaries: In and Out of Africa. See Choice (272585)
9.50 Nice Town. The second episode of Guy Hibbert's provocative drama of sexual politics. Joe's act of brotherly love enables Linda to give birth. With Paul McGann, Josette Simon, Gwyneth Strong and Philip Davis (r). (Ceefax) (s) (247848)
10.50 Film: The Legend of the Holy Drinker (1988). Mystical drama starring Rutger Hauer. A down-and-out on the streets of Paris accepts a gift of money from a distinguished gentleman (Anthony Quayle) on the understanding that it is only a loan. Directed by Ermanno Olmi (75631393)
12.55am On the Air. American comedy series from the creators of *Twin Peaks*, David Lynch and Mark Frost (s) (5748271). Ends at **1.25**

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"The black one" Josephine Okelo (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Teenage Diaries: In and Out of Africa
BBC2, 9.00pm

Josephine Okelo from Kenya tells of her year as a pupil of Marlborough College, the English public school. It was a bitter-sweet experience. She revelled in the freedom but was dismayed by the prejudice. She found that most of her schoolmates knew little of Africa and cared less. Try as she might, she could not stop them thinking of her differently because of her colour. She was always "the black one". One result of the experience was to make Josephine change her attitude towards Kenya's half million Somali refugees, themselves victims of racism. Maybe, Josephine reflects, Marlborough was worth it, to wake her up to her own prejudices. Honest and articulate, her diary maintains the standard of an excellent series.

Rhythms of the World: Jorge Ben in Performance
BBC2, 8.00pm

The world music series presents a London concert by *the Brazilian singer-songwriter* whose cool style is based on samba rhythms and other idioms from his native land. Although little known here, Jorge Ben has been big in Brazil for a couple of decades and it is not hard to understand why. His numbers are bouncy and unpretentious, draw undidactically on the experiences of everyday life and are, above all, splendid to dance to. The young Anglo-Brazilian audience at the Wall Street night club needs no prompting to get onto the floor and shake a leg. Helpfully captioned, the lyrics celebrate falling in love, the Emperor Haile Selassie and the samba itself. It is a joyous evening.

Grand Hotel
Channel 4, 1.00pm

Vicki Baum's novel is set in Berlin and the characters have German names but this all-star MGM version is Hollywood all the way. *Grand Hotel* was one of the *first examples of a favourite cinema device of bringing* together disparate characters in a closed setting and getting their lives to cross. It was also a chance for *MGM to show off its roster of* contract artists. Unsurprisingly, given its age, the film is a bit creaky but the cast is still potent. Joan Crawford shines as an *ambitious secretary. Greta Garbo is a fading ballerina* who wants to be alone and John Barrymore enjoys himself as a baron who turns to crime. The ingredients are skilfully mixed by director Edmund Goulding.

The Wrong Man
Channel 4, 12.15am

One of Alfred Hitchcock's most sombre films features Henry Fonda as a New York musician who is wrongfully accused of armed robbery and endures a nightmare of interrogation in a police cell as he tries to clear his name. His ordeal is shared by his wife (Vera Miles) who is slowly driven out of her mind. The film was based on a true incident and shot in quasi-documentary style, using the actual locations and gaining much of its effect by the accumulation of authentic detail. The determination to stick to the facts tends to upset the dramatic shape and precludes the clean resolution that the cinema prefers. But Fonda is outstanding as the victim. **Peter Waymark**

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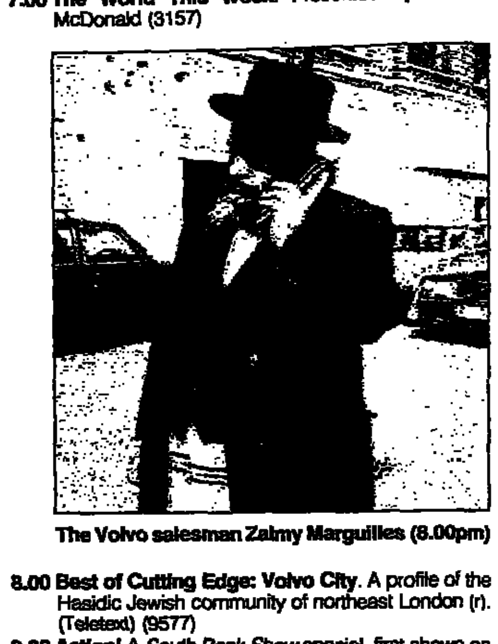
6.00 GMTV begins with **Rise and Shine** (30903770) ***7.40 Saturday Disney.*** *Stuart Miles and Carmen* Ejogo introduce competitions and cartoons. Among their guests are David Quinn and Nicole Eggert of *Baywatch (35809139)*
9.25 Gimme 5. Last in the series featuring cartoon fun with *Scooby Doo* and *Bugs Bunny* (34109022)
11.30 ITV Chart Show. *The video show features the rock* chart and, in the *Video Vault*, Gary Numan performs "Cars" (r) (s) (39041)
12.30 Opening Shot. For details see Channel 4 at 6.30pm (s) (60867)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (66143111) **1.05 London Today** (67593652)
1.10 International Athletics. Jim Rosenthal introduces coverage of the Berlin grand prix (4004954)
2.10 Movies, Games and Videos. Among this week's cinema reviews is Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson (65392428)
2.40 Film: Sky High (1985). The last of a three-part Disney story charting the adventures of two friends who learn to fly a vintage aeroplane (3039480)
3.35 WCW Worldwide Wrestling. Ringside bouts (2363428) **4.20 Cartoon Time** (2578751)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (8733577) **5.00 London Today.** (Teletext) Weather (2764867)
5.10 Cartoon Time (7451374)
5.30 What You Looking At? Linford Christie makes a guest appearance in the final episode of the likable comedy series set in a south London youth club. With Trevyn McDowell, Robert McKewley and Jason Stracey (s) (374)
6.00 Return of the Gladiators. John Fashanu and Ulrika Jonsson introduce the forthcoming series, featuring new games and new gladiators. (Teletext) (s) (515)
6.30 Film: Freeze Frame (1989). Low-key drama starring Shannen Doherty of *Beverly Hills, 90210* as a high-school reporter who uncovers a political scandal. Directed by William Bindley (71026)
8.00 The Bill: Natural Reaction. DC Carver (Mark Wingett) catches a thief who is more frightened of her father than of the police. (Teletext) (3206)
8.30 Film: A Father's Revenge (1987). Abrasive thriller starring Brian Dennehy as a concerned parent who *mounts a campaign to rescue his daughter, whose* plane has been hijacked in West Germany. Directed by John Herzfeld. (Teletext) (59178664)
10.10 News *with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (676119)*
10.30 Film: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen (1989). Terry Gilliam's epic fantasy adventure about *an 18th-century teller of tall stories. Starring* John Neville and Eric Idle (s) (60104008)
12.50am Pavarotti and Friends. The tenor Luciano Pavarotti recorded at a charity gala in September last year. Including Sting, the Neville Brothers, Suzanne Vega and Mike Oldfield (8977829)
2.10 The Big E. European magazine (s) (7381900)
3.05 It's Bizarre! Offbeat chat show (6053894)
3.55 The New Music. Sounds from Japan (3475523)
4.55 BPM. Dance music (s) (6401504)
5.30 ITN Morning News (55233). Ends at **6.00**



Linford Christie runs by south London (5.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Dorothy and friends meet the stone men (r) (s) (8713409) **6.25 Wowser.** Adventures of *the cartoon hound* (1986119) **6.40 Bobobobs.** The galactic gang encounters reckless travellers (2358225)
7.05 The Legend of White Fang. Cartoon based on Jack London's adventure story (1737954) **7.35 Little Dracula.** Cartoon featuring the vampire's ten-year-old son (3913041)
8.00 Pugwall's Summer. Pugwall installs a phone in his room (9883312) **8.25 Sportraits.** Profiles of the tennis player Chris Evert and *the Moroccan middle-*distance runner Said Aouita (3962577)
9.00 News (9654480) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (1310041)
10.00 Trans World Sport. International action (84848)
11.00 Gaelic Games. Jim Neilly presents the second semi-final between Derry and Leinster (97312)
12.00 Sumo. A profile of the wrestlers Akebono and Takahanada *(r) (40515)*
12.30 Kasak. Pakistani drama serial. In Urdu with English subtitles (68409)
1.00 Film: Grand Hotel (1932, *b/w*). See Choice (28453913)
3.05 Gustav and the Cat to Be. A cartoon from Hungary *about training a mouser (4975770)*
3.15 Channel 4 Racing. Including from the Curragh: **4.00** The £150,000 Tattersall's Breeders Stakes. From Newmarket: **3.20** Philip *Cornes Nickel Alloy* Nursery Handicap; **3.50** Danepak Bacon Stakes; **4.20** Multiyork Handicap; **4.50** Newmarket La Grange Handicap (45936664)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition. (Teletext) (s) (2893022)
6.30 Opening Shot. The last programme *in the series* features the work of two young directors. David Johnson's film looks at the National Youth Music Theatre's production of *The Ragged Child*, and Amir Amirani's film is about the Children's Music Workshop (s) (409)
7.00 The World This Week. *Presented by* Sheena McDonald (3157)



The Volvo salesman Zalmy Marguilles (8.00pm)

8.00 Best of Cutting Edge: Volvo City. A profile of the Hasidic Jewish community of northeast London (r). (Teletext) (9577)
9.00 Action! A *South Bank Show* special, first shown on ITV last year, celebrating the life and career of the actor and director Richard Attenborough. Part two can be seen tomorrow at 9pm. (Teletext) (6556119)
10.05 The Big One. Domestic comedy series starring Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig (r) (s) (134206)
10.35 Film: Toto the Hero (1991). The *Cinema! Cinema!* season continues with a tragi-comedy about a boy who dreams that he will grow up to be a secret agent. With Michel Bouquet, Joe De Backer and Thomas Godet. In French with English subtitles. Directed by Jaco Van Dormael (45957409)
12.15am Film: The Wrong Man (1956, b/w). See Choice (165788). Ends at **2.10**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (96428) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (12157) **7.00** Fun Factory (4632732) **12.00** Wrestling Mania (94848) **1.00pm** Rags to Riches (79616) **2.00** *Bewitched (8454)* **2.30** *The Facts of Life* (6886) **3.00** Cartoons (18954) **4.00** Dukes of Hazzard (97461) **5.00** Wrestling Superstars (3461) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (83732) **7.00** The Flash (46225) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (22645) **9.00** Cops (93645) **9.30** Xposure (95577) **10.00** Wrestling Superstars (45596) **11.00-12.00** Stingray (32409)

SKY NEWS

News on the Hour.
6.00am *Sunrise (1218645)* ***9.30*** *Talkback* (29157) **10.30** Week in Review (73867) **11.30** Holiday Destinations (68577) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (68799) **1.30** The Reporters (69426) **2.30** Week in Review (88770) **3.30** Those Were the Days (88041) **4.30** Holiday Destinations (4654) **5.00** Live at Five (74867) **6.30** Fashion TV (63461) **7.30** The Reporters (5393) **8.00** News Hour (42119) **9.30** Week in *Review (69206)* ***10.30*** *The Reporters (96138)* **11.30** Fashion TV (59119) **12.30am** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (24097) **1.30** Travel Destinations (86610) **2.30** Week in *Review* (68010) **3.30** Target (11455) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (13252) **5.30** The Reporters (93417)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (16480)
8.00 40 Carats (1973): Liv Ullman has an affair with a younger man in Greece (88190)
10.00 Ice Castles (1978): Teary drama of a champion ice dancer struck blind (19157)
12.00 Consagher *(1991). An honourable* cowboy rescues Katharine Ross (32111)
2.00pm Ernest Scared Stupid (1991). Eartha Kitt comes to the rescue (36848)
4.00 Lionheart (1987). Juvenile knights travel to the Holy Land (8393)
6.00 Look Who's Talking Too (1990). Kirstie Alley and John Travolta star as baby Mikey gets a new sister (49312)
8.00 Empire City *(1992): A detective gets* involved with a witness (51157)
9.30 In the Line of Fire: Behind the Scenes with the Secret Service (80645)
10.00 Steel Dawn *(1987): Patrick Swayze* rescues a maiden in distress (401041)
11.40 Catherine Cherie (1982): A girl strives to become a top star (995190)
1.30am Storm (1987). Students are menaced by thieves while camping (87386610)
3.50 Till Murder Do Us Part II (1992): Meredith Baxter plays the vengeful ex-wife on trial for murder (283320). Ends at **5.25am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm 42nd Street (1933, b/w): Warner Baxter puts on the show of his career (2393)
6.00 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) Rollicking western musical (23312)
8.00 Flashdance (1983): Jennifer Beals dancing through the night (35157)
10.00 All That Jazz (1979): Musical fantasy *based on Bob Fosse's life. Roy Scheider* stars (77645). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Scooby Doo meets the Boo Brothers Animated fun (14022)
8.00 A Night in Havana (1957): Errol Flynn finds himself the target of criminals (85732)
10.00 City beneath the Sea (1970): Treachery under the ocean (17799)
12.00 Meeting Venus (1991): Glenn Close *is the diva in this behind-the-scenes intrigue* of a Paris Opera House (32193)
2.00pm September 30th, 1955 (1978). The mystique surrounding the death of screen *idol James Dean (27190)*
4.00 Rover Dangerfield (1992): Comedy cartoon with Rodney Dangerfield (6935)
6.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990) Winona *Ryder learns to love Johnny Depp, the* man with scissors for hands (47954)
8.00 Star Trek — The Next Generation: Unification (1991) Patrick Stewart goes undercover to trail Mr Spock (59739)
10.00 Stars Wars: Sleeping with the Enemy (1991) Julia Roberts. **Mortal Thoughts** (1991) Demi Moore. **Scissors** (1991) Sharon Stone (47585)
12.00 Hometown Boy Makes Good (1989). Anthony Edwards is forced to tell his mother the truth (97962)
1.30am Web of Deceit (1990): A lawyer gets gets involved in a controversial case and the prosecuting attorney (225320)
3.05 True Confessions (1981) Two brothers, played by Robert De Niro and Robert Duvall, are driven apart by the murder of a prostitute (30612962). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am The Big League. Castleford v Leeds (893119) **9.30** Soccer Weekend (17577) **10.30** US PGA Golf (31935) **12.00** Jack High Bowls (80246) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (7511157) **6.00** Horse Racing: live from Windsor and Hereford (70376664) **8.15** Netbusters (765670) **8.30** US PGA Golf (625645) **11.00** Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (61041) **12.30-2.30am** Pool Championships (67271)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (59190) **8.00** Motorsport Report (94645) **9.00** Cycling *(37460)* ***11.00*** *ATP Tennis (48119)* ***11.30*** Olympic Magazine (49848) **12.00** Motor Racing (97374) **1.00pm** Cycling World Championships (6970770) **5.00** Golf (66916) **7.00** Motor Racing (73393) **8.00** Athletics (93157) **10.00-1.00am** Tennis (778461)

UK GOLD

7.00am Chorlton and the Wheelies (4431931) **7.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (1481616) **8.00** Lassie (1174664) **8.30** The Secret Garden (1173935) **9.00** Jem (1197515) **9.30** The Raccoons (5977848) **10.00** Defenders of the Earth (7688935) **10.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (1183799) **11.00** Film: Carry on Doctor (1968) (32770480) **12.40pm** Film: Carry on at your Convenience (1971) (28022138) **2.15** Bless This House (9698848) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (53248664) **5.30** Ballet Shoes (4770472) **6.00** The Little and Large Show (7920995) **6.30** Just for Laughs (9920175) **7.00** Bless This House (1432138) **7.30** In Sickness and in Health (3520139) **8.00** Bergerac (1456022) **9.00** The Perry Mason Mystery (90598664) **10.45** Film: A *Cry for Help. The Tracey Thurman Story* (1989) (29262208) **12.30am** Naked Video (3418982) **1.00** Three of a Kind (7183271) **1.30-2.30am** In Concert: Big Country *(1075726)*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (24751) **7.00** The Diplodos (84645) **7.30** Widget (95480) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (22596) **8.30** Radkan II (21867) **9.00** Sharky and George (12119) **9.30** The Garbage Pail Kids (54683) **10.00** Boy Dominic (86515) **10.30** Kissyfur (78913) **11.00** Ins. Captain Pugwash (79003) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (70732) **12.00** Captain America (25683) **12.30pm** Ironman (85799) **1.00** Fifteen (53354) **2.00** The Witches and the Grinnygog (2916) **2.30** Flash Gordon (1916) **3.00** You Can't Do That On Television (4751) **3.30** Round The Bend (5461) **4.00** The Electric Stringvest (93683) **5.00** The Bartons (6596) **5.30** Start Here (5732) **6.00-7.00pm** Farno (33190)

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (60867) **1.05-1.10** Anglia News (67593652) **2.10** World Wide Wrestling (8433003) **2.55-4.40** Film: Poker Alice *(11137664)* ***5.00*** *Anglia News (7471138)* ***5.15-5.30*** Warner Cartoon (2743374) **1.00am** Hollywood Report (98097) **1.30** The Twilight Zone (46078) **2.30** BPM (39252) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (41097) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (75078)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (60867) **1.05-1.10** Central News (67593652) **2.10** Nigel *Mansell's Indycar 93 (7399935)* ***3.10*** *WCW* Wrestling (1051206) **3.45-4.40** The A-Team (2136312) **5.00** Central News (8571157) **5.05** The Central Match Goals Extra *(2763138)* ***5.15-5.30*** *Cartoon Time* (2743374) **1.00am** It's Bizarre! (5707261) **1.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6441320) **2.25** America's Top Ten (6292726) **2.55** Video Jazz (2313984) ***4.05*** *Central Jobfinder* 93 (2104146) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9382542)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (60867) **1.05-1.10** HTV News (67593652) **2.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (65392428) **2.40** McCloud (58137003) **4.30-4.40** Cartoon Time (4698157) **5.00-5.10** HTV News (2764867) **1.00am** Hollywood Report (98097) **1.30** The Twilight Zone (46078) **2.30** BPM (39252) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (41097) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (75078)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.10 HTV Wales News (67593652) **4.30-4.40** Warner Cartoon (4698157) **5.00-5.10** HTV Wales News (2764867)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today (60867) **1.05-1.10** Meridian News (67593652) **2.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (65392428) **2.40** Biggin Hill Air *Show (7320119)* ***3.40*** *Warner Cartoon* (7265732) **3.55-4.40** WCW World Wide Wrestling (7707288) **5.00** Meridian News (2764867) **5.10-5.30** Disney Cartoon *(7451374)* ***1.00am*** *The Big E (5707261)* ***1.55*** Film: Beyond the Universe (963078) **3.30** Cue the Music (41097) **4.30-5.30** BPM (75078)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (60867) **1.05-1.10** Tyne Tees News (67593652) **2.10** Film: Man About the House (632645) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (2136312) **5.00** Tyne Tees Saturday (7471138) **5.15-5.30** Cartoon (2743374) **10.40** Film: Three Days of the Condor (Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway, Cliff Robertson) (75639935) **12.45am** Beverly Hills, 90210 (1774233) **1.40** Kojak (8114813) **2.35** BPM (9620962) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6872961) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (3009097)

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sus (60867) **1.05-1.10** UTV Live (67593652) **2.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (65392428) **2.40** The *Mountain Bike Show (6351770)* ***3.10*** Cartoon (4974041) **3.20** WCW Worldwide Wrestling (6872393) **4.05-4.40** Motorcycling (4510916) **5.00** UTV Live (8571157) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (8570428) **10.35** UTV Live (374935) **10.40** Film: Adventures of Baron Munchausen (78209472) **1.00am** Hollywood Report (98097) **1.30** The Twilight Zone (46078) **2.30** BPM (39252) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (41097) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (75078)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (60867) **1.05-1.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (67593652) **2.10** The Evening Standard Biggin Hill International Air Fair (7399935) **3.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (5795515) **4.10-4.40** The Mountain Bike Show (4674190) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (2764867) **1.00am** Hollywood Report (98097) **1.30** The Twilight Zone (46078) **2.30** BPM (39252) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (41097) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (75078)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (60867) **1.05-1.10** Calendar News (67593652) **2.10** Film: Man About the House (832645) **3.45-4.40** *McCloud (2136312)* ***5.00*** *Calendar News* (7471138) **5.15-5.30** Cartoon (2743374) **10.40** Film: Three Days of the Condor (Robert Redford) (75639935) **12.45am** Beverly *Hills, 90210* (1774233) ***1.40*** *Kojak* (8114813) **2.35** BPM (9620962) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6872961) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (3009097)

S4C

Starts: 7.05am The Legend of White Fang (1737954) **7.35** Little Dracula (3913041) **8.00** Pugwall's Summer (9883312) **8.25** Sportraits (3962577) **9.00** News (9654480) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (1310041) **10.00** *Slot Sadwrn (77157)* ***12.00*** *Trans World* Sport (47916) **1.00pm** Gaelic Games (56654) **2.00** The Best of Cutting Edge (57206) **3.00** Ballerina on a Ship (5186654) **3.15** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket and the Curragh (45936664) **5.05** Brookside (2893022) **6.30** Hypnosis (409) **7.00** Newyddion (142596) **7.15** Gemau Heb Ffiniau (8777190) **8.35** I Fro Breuddwydion (80332138) **10.45** Film. Torch Song Trilogy (Harvey Fierstein) (40707577)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00am** Gary Davies **10.00** *The Weekend Breakfast Show* **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Jam — The Paul Weller Story **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show **8.00** U2 Live from Dublin **11.00** John Peel (FM only) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew **10.00** Sarah Kennedy **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The Queen of Romance by Stephen Sheridan (3/6) (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton **3.00** Steve Race *4.00 Said Les. See Choice* **5.00** *Cinema 2* **5.30** Nick Barraclough **6.00** Chas and Dave plus Friends **7.00** Kane and Friends **7.30** The King's Rhapsody: The BBC Concert Orchestra under Roderick Dunk celebrates the centenary of Ivor Novello's birth with a performance of his last show. With the Ambrosian Singers **10.30** David Jacobs **11.00** Paul Coia **1.00am** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry's *Weekend Edition* **9.30** *Get Set* **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy **11.00** Go! **12.00pm** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (r) **12.30** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five **6.06** Six-O-Six with David Mellor **7.30** Afropop Worldwide: Madagascar meets Louisiana **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Inside Westminster **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Jazz Now and Then **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German Features **8.00** Proms '93 **8.29** News Summary **8.30** Parallel Lives **8.35** Write On **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour ***11.00*** *News* ***11.10*** *News About Britain* **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The John Dunn Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week. The Curse of the Pharoah **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Images of Wales **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Joan Thirkettle **9.00** Classic Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Nicky Horne ***6.00*** *Classic America* **7.00** Classic Opera. Boito's Mefistofele with Luciano Pavarotti as Faust, Nicolai Ghiaurov as Mefistofele, and Montserrat Caballe as Elena **10.00** Six of the Best **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Big Rod Mug Show **1.00pm** Paul Coyle **4.00** Dave Fanning **8.00** Wendy Lloyd **10.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beech

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: Victorian Britain — The Debate on the Second Reform Act
6.55 Weather
7.00 Saturday Morning Concert: Britten (An American Overture: BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton); William Mathias (In Arcadia: BBC Welsh *Symphony Orchestra*); Barber (Violin Concerto, Op 14: BBC WSO with Tasmin Little); Smetana (Vysehrad, Ma Vlast: BBC WSO); Mozart (Overture: The Marriage of Figaro: BBC WSO); Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral. BBC Philharmonic)
9.00 News 9.05 Prom News: An interview with the director of the Proms, John Drummond
9.20 Record Release: Richard Osborne presents Mozart (Symphony No 36 in C, K425, Linz: Sinfonia Varsovia under Yehudi Menuhin); Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, D810, *Death and the Maiden*: Artis Quartet); Wolf (Mörike Lieder, excerpts: Brigitte Fassbaender, mezzo, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor: Vienna Philharmonic *Orchestra under André Previn* with Heinrich Schiff); Glazunov (Symphony No 5 in B flat: Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra under Evgeny Mravinsky)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: The *repertory for the harp in early music (r)*
1.00pm News 1.05 Shostakovich: the String Quartets. A complete cycle performed by the Borodin Quartet in concerts recorded on the South Bank in 1986. String Quartet No 3 in F, Op 73; String Quartet No 1 in C, Op 49; Two Pieces for Octet, Op 11 (1/7) (r)
2.10 Ludwig Thuille: Sextet in B *flat for Piano and Wind, Op 6*
2.40 Edinburgh International Festival: Verdi's Oberto, conte di San Bonifacio. A performance of Verdi's first opera, from the Usher Hall last Thursday. With Maria Guleghina (soprano) as Leonora, Jane Henschel (soprano) as Cuniza and Fiona Kimm (mezzo) as Imelde, Cuniza's maid
5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 **Dmitri Sitkovetsky:** The violinist performs with Dmitri Alexeev (piano). Beethoven (Violin Sonata in G, Op 30 No 3); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 80); Schumann (Violin Sonata in A *minor, Op 105, Intermezzo,* FAE Sonata); Brahms (Sonata Movement, FAE Sonata) (r)
7.15 Prom News (r)
7.30 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry *Wordsworth with Nancy* Gustafson, soprano, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano performs Berlioz (Overture: Roman Carnival); Tchaikovsky (Letter Scene, Eugene Onegin); Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor); Rimsky-Korsakov (Scheherazade)
9.35 Studio Three: The Long Hot ***Summer of '76,*** *by Gabriel* Gbadamosi. Drama about six London teenagers and their experiences at the Notting Hill Carnival. With Lennie James, Lee Ross and Pamela Nomvete
10.30 George Shearing: *A 1992* performance by the pianist at the Forum, Bath. With Neil Swainson on the piano (r)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.45** Business News **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Bryon Butler
9.30 Breakaway: Eddie Mair travels through Canada
10.00 Loose Ends Ned Sherrin with guests Robert Elms, Victoria Mather and John Walters
11.00 Talking Politics: *David Walter* meets Mario Segni, the man who has done the most to change Italy's electoral system
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Inside Money
12.25pm They Think It's All Over: A different kind of sports quiz (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? *Nick Clarke* with Kamlesh Bahl, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, Baroness Castle of Blackburn, Sir John Harvey-Jones, industrialist, and William Waldegrave, MP, Chancellor of *the Duchy of Lancaster* (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Any Answers? 071-580 4444
2.30 Playhouse: At Sea on Inya Lake by Guy Slater. Ben (Ralph Fiennes), now a successful journalist, returns to Burma after thirty years to search for his past (r)
4.00 Three Actors in Search of a ***Character: Henry VIII:*** *John* Florance meets Keith Michell, John Stride and Richard Griffiths to find out how each prepared for his very different portrayal of the king
4.30 Science Friction: Part one: *Professor John Durant chairs a* discussion on the questions raised by recent developments in genetics
5.15 Personal Obsessions: Rhoda Butler waxes lyrical about her collection of 78rpm *hillbilly music*
5.25 Fourth Column: Simon Hoggart leads his team into a seventh season of wit and satire. The first episode looks at the magical time known as childhood **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Sport
6.25 Struck Off and Die (r)
6.50 Ad Lib: See Choice
7.20 **Kaleidoscope:** The trumpeter Wynton Marsalis reflects on his career so far and his vision of jazz in the 1990s *(r)*
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Battle of San Remo by Royce Ryton. Queen Victoria's daughter Vicky fights valiantly for her husband's life as well as the survival of Europe
9.20 Music in Mind with Brian Kay
9.50 Ten to Ten with Canon Eddie Neale **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Hot, Steamy Baths: A guide to the turbulent waters of your local pool where, it seems, you are how you swim
10.45 Encounters: Christopher Cook discovers something of *the great figures of the past,* through the memoirs of those who met them (5/6) *(r)*
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes: with Christian Lindberg and Hakan Hardenberger, two of the foremost brass players *of their generation* (r)
11.30 Boogie Up the River, starring Timothy Spall. Mark and the *mongrel Boogie come face-to-*face with a colourful assortment of river dwellers (r)
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Ad Lib: Private Investigators. *Radio 4, 6.50pm.*

About five minutes into his chat with five Midlands private eyes, Robert Robinson gets the message: theirs is no job for shrinking *violets. The related message is that it is* wrong to say that gumshoes specialise in lurking and tip-toeing about the place. "We are just *present*", one of them says. Certainly their presence in the BBC studio produces a crop of interesting anecdotes about the risks to life and limb the job involves. There is a bonus in the shape of some useful tips for spouses who suspect their partners of straying.

Said Les: A Tribute to Les Dawson. *Radio 2, 4.00pm.*

I was not a great admirer of the comedian, who died recently. But, with reservations, I do admire this tribute to him, compiled from memories of friends and fellow entertainers and flavoured with many examples of his television and radio work. We could have been told more about the man himself. The little we learn about the springs that irrigated his humour leave us thirsty for more. His spoken memoirs are unreliable. For example: "My mother took the bones from her corsets to give me nourishment". **Peter Davalle**

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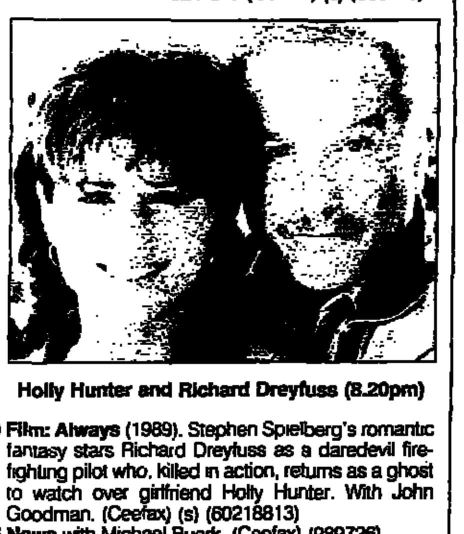
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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (7769962)
7.25 Animal World Film about the beaver (r) (5191349) **7.40 Pigeon Street** Cartoon (r) (1860894) **7.55 Playdays.** For the very young (r) (s) (7849418)
8.15 Rupert the Bear (r) (6620894) **8.20 Felix the Cat** Feline cartoon (r) (4470271) **8.35 Paper Camera** Children's drama (6993252)
9.00 News (9565542) **9.15 Summer Sunday** In the last in the series, June Brown, who plays Dot in *EastEnders*, celebrates her faith (1298875)
10.00 See Hear! A cabaret for the deaf. With signing and subtitles (s) (58271)
10.30 Film: One Good Turn (1954, b/w). Norman Wisdom attempts to save an orphanage in this sentimental comedy. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (82707)
12.00 Kingfisher – Secret Splendour of the Brooks Film about the fish-eating bird (59349)
12.30 CountryFile John Craven reports on rural road accidents and angling (r) (2119233) **Wales**: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (71893894)
1.00 News (57092207) followed by **Harry and the Hendersons.** Ernie (Zachary Bostrom) comes top in his exam (Ceefax) (71252558)
1.30 Richard Attenborough: Talking Pictures. The actor and director, who is 70 today, talks about his film career (Ceefax) (92542)
2.00 EastEnders Omnibus edition (Ceefax) (s) (59900)
3.00 Film: The African Queen (1951). (Ceefax) See Choice (39843639)
4.40 If the Worst Happens Gavin Campbell discovers how to treat scalds and burns (Ceefax) (2390784)
4.40 Lifeline John Craven appeals on behalf of the Gardening for Disabled Trust (s) (8635981)
5.00 That's Life! Summer Special Esther Rantzen presents highlights from the recent series. Gavin Campbell, *Adrian Mills, Kevin Devine and Howard* Leader provide the usual support (s) (7156726)
5.40 Beatrix Potter – The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends A cartoon version of Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Samuel Whiskers* (Ceefax) (479097)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart (Ceefax) Weather (595875)
6.25 Summer Praise Pam Rhodes visits Scarborough. (Ceefax) (s) (931946)
7.00 Last of the Summer Wine Compo declares his love for Nora Batty. With Bill Owen, Peter Sallis, Brian Wilde and Kathy Staff (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6788)
7.30 Strathblair. The 1950s Highland drama ends the series with two weddings. With Andrew Keir, David Robb and Francesca Hunt (Ceefax) (s) (385243)

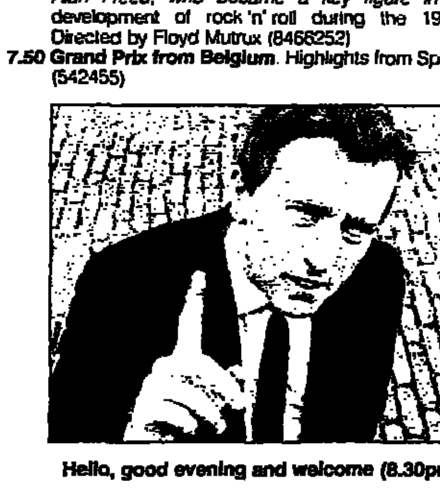


Holly Hunter and Richard Dreyfuss (8.20pm)

8.20 Film: Always (1989). Stephen Spielberg's romantic fantasy stars Richard Dreyfuss as a daredevil fire-fighting pilot who, killed in action, returns as a ghost to watch over girlfriend Holly Hunter. With John Goodman. (Ceefax) (s) (60218813)
10.15 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) (989726)
10.30 Everyman. Detective Inspector Carol Bristow investigates why some men treat women so badly (r). (Ceefax) (452900)
11.10 Film: A Chorus Line (1985). Michael Douglas stars as a cynical director-choreographer casting for a Broadway musical. Shown as a tribute to its director *Richard Attenborough on his seventieth birthday, in an uncut version* (250900)
1.05am Weather (4574276): Ends at **1.10**

BBC2

6.15 Open University Chemistry: Hidden Heavens (6610368) **6.40** Maths, Calculating Pi (2330829) **7.05** Children's Learning: Maths on the Street (7766875) **7.30** Urban Development: Gainers and Losers (3890146) **7.55** Politics, Patriotism and Authority in *Richard II* (4493392) **8.20** Learning About Leadership (1019078) **8.45** Learning for All: A Community College (Ceefax) (6997078)
9.10 System '93 Computensed game show (5986320) **9.35 Teenage Mutant Hero** Cartoon (r) **Turtles** (6705558) **9.55 Jonny Briggs** (r) (4356558)
10.10 Rugrats Cartoon fun with the carpet babies (3362320) **10.35 Grange Hill** (r) (1560875)
11.10 FOT. Fictional and factual film clips (s) (1446542) **11.25 Futurecooks** A new competition to find the best young cook in Britain (s) (1920392) **11.50 The O-Zone** Featuring Duran Duran in New York and the Scottish group Texas (7685894)
12.05 The Flintstones. Prehistoric cartoon (r) (8817610)
12.30 Sunday Grandstand. Introduced by Steve Rider The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** Motor Racing. Belgian Grand Prix from Spa (42060368). **2.35** Hockey: Women's Champions Trophy from Amsterdam (2222558). **3.10** Show Jumping from Hickstead (45846097); **5.00** Touring Cars (7894); **5.30** Ice Hockey: Britain v Poland (981); **6.00** Formula 3 from Pembrey, Wales (144165)
6.25 Film: American Hot Wax (1978) Nostalgic drama starring Tim McIntire as the pioneering disc jockey *Alan Freed, who became a key figure in the* development of rock 'n' roll during the 1950s Directed by Floyd Mutrux (8468252)
7.50 Grand Prix from Belgium. Highlights from Spa (s) (542455)



Hello, good evening and welcome (8.30pm)

8.30 Frost in the Air. (Ceefax) See Choice (775981)
9.25 Visual Comedy. A spoof lecture by Rowan *Atkinson on how to be funny without saying a word.* In a series of comic sketches he demonstrates the importance of mime and how to use different parts of the body for the best comic effect (r) (629813)
10.15 Edinburgh Nights. Bruce Morton follows the judging for the Perrier Pick of the Fringe Award, profiles the shortlist and presents the winner. There is also an interview with the theatre director Robert Lepage, whose productions of Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* and Schoenberg's *Ewartung* are being performed by the Canadian Opera Company at the festival (s) (679455)
10.55 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces **Face to Face** *(1967). Violent spaghetti western about a history* teacher who heads west for his health and becomes involved with a Mexican bandit. With Gian Maria Volonte, Tomas Milia and William Berger. Directed by Sergio Sollima. An Italian film with English dialogue. (Ceefax) (38212726). Ends at **12.50am**

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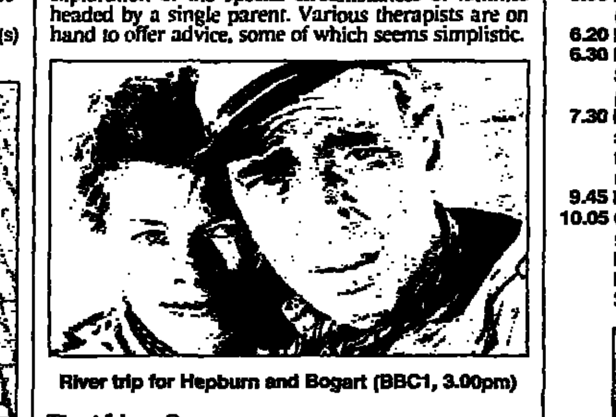
CHOICE

Frost in the Air
BBC2, 8.30pm

Three films on the career of Sir David Frost may seem excessive. Even Winston Churchill only got four. But there can be no argument about tonight's instalment, which is more about a programme than about Frost in particular. The show is *That Was the Week That Was*, whose irreverence caused such a stir in the early 1960s. *With his silly quiff and whining accent*, *Frost* was an essential ingredient though proper credit is given to the other performers and, not least, the writers. Older viewers will relish the chance to see again the items that provoked outrage. Younger viewers may find the so-called satire tame. But it was the making of Frost, who in Kitty Muggeridge's famous words "rose *without trace*".

The Inside Track . . . On Parenting
ITV, 10.35pm

Nick Ross hosts an enquiry into the difficulties of bringing up children. Entertainment and instruction are carefully mixed. Celebrity parents such as Lord Archer and Jeremy Beadle pass on their experiences and there are comic sketches featuring Liz Smith and Leslie Grantham. More tellingly the cameras drop in on four ordinary families who illustrate an assortment of parent-child conflicts. This is the cue for a reprise of the great smacking debate, a discussion on how much *parents should sacrifice for their children and* an exploration of the special circumstances of families headed by a single parent. Various therapists are on hand to offer advice, some of which seems simplistic.



River trip for Hepburn and Bogart (BBC1, 3.00pm)

The African Queen
BBC1, 3.00pm

It *may seem* perverse to highlight a much-shown classic rather than the BBC premiere of Steven Spielberg's *Always* but really there is no contest. *The African Queen* may not be great art but it is superb entertainment and one of the handful of films that never stales. At its heart is a wonderful piece of screen chemistry involving two Hollywood greats at their peak. Humphrey Bogart is the hard-bitten riverboat captain and Katharine Hepburn the prim missionary *he takes abroad and gradually melts. The setting,* German East Africa during the first world war, offers a background of danger. James Agee wrote the script, from a C.S. Forester novel. The director John Huston is content to let the stars have their heads.

Concerto!
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto is tonight's offering in the music show hosted by Michael Tilson, and Dudley Moore. This is a friendly and admirably unpompous series, though it is hard to know who it is aimed at. The musically knowledgeable are unlikely to gain fresh insights, while those puzzled about *falling* fifths and rising fourths will not be enlightened. The uncertainty is summed up by Moore himself, who strains to be seen as the serious musician he undoubtedly is but cannot resist playing the clown as well as the piano. At least after a bitty build-up, there is a complete performance of the featured work. The Saint-Saëns Concerto is played, exquisitely, by the young British cellist Steven Isserlis. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4402726)
9.25 Heidi. *Heidi returns to her grandfather* (5081829) **9.50 The Littlest Hobo** (6704829)
10.15 The Mountain Bike Show Cycling action (836962) **10.45 Link** A profile of the blind opera singer Clare Graydon James (Teletext) (8248320)
11.00 Morning Worship From St Luke's Church, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear (77894)
12.00 Life and Soul Ten-year-old Jabez Nation, a Pentecostal Christian in Brixton, talks about his faith (44417)
12.30 An Invitation to Remember. Dame Flora Robson talks about her life and work (95639)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (84228788) **1.10 Cartoon Time** (21628455)
1.30 The Scottish Islands Peaks Race Film about the grueling race which involves sailing 160 miles, running 70 miles and climbing 12,322 feet (87610)
2.00 Call That Singing! Choirmaster and founder Joe McGinley directs the community choir from Glasgow. (Teletext) (1629900)
2.35 Highway to Heaven Jonathan and Mark help to *prevent a corporation from demolishing homes in a* poor neighbourhood (7237455)
3.30 Athletics. Jim Rosenthal presents action from the McDonalds Games, live from the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield (63287)
5.30 The $64,000 Question Bob Monkhouse hosts the last in the series of the cash-prize quiz show *(Teletext) (s) (707)*
6.00 London Tonight with Anna Maria Ashe. (Teletext) (230436)
6.20 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (219558)
6.30 Father Dowling Investigates: The Substitute Sister Mystery. Tom Bosley stars as the sleuthing priest. With Tracy Nelson. (Teletext) (s) (22146)
7.30 Film: Elvis and Me (1988) starring Susan Walters and Dale Midkiff. Priscilla Presley's memoirs form the basis for this simple-minded biopic of the king of rock 'n' roll. Directed by Larry Peerce (23438894)
9.45 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (819233)
10.05 Over the Rainbow: Dream On Last in the comedy series about four music business hopefuls. The band sets off on a world tour. With Angeline Ball, Bronagh Gallagher, Eamon Morrissey and Peter Sullivan. (Teletext) (s) (584207)



Nick Ross explores life with children (10.35pm)

10.35 The Inside Track . . . On Parenting. See Choice (1493078)
12.05am The Story of New Order. A profile of the band, from their early years as Joy Division through to their current success at home and in America. Including video clips, live performances and interviews (2279363)
1.05 McCloud. Dennis Weaver stars as the cowboy detective. With Stefanie Powers (r) (320059)
3.00 Island Son: Viruses. Medical drama starring Richard Chamberlain. Daniel discovers that a young girl has contracted Aids (5333276)
4.05 Cue the Music. Ian Gillan in concert (3877108)
5.05 Extreme Asia. Featuring Hong Kong band Beyond, Chinese fashion designer Wang Hua and Indonesian singer Iwan Fals (9976943)
5.30 ITN Morning News (53905). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (8843487)
6.55 Wowser *Canine cartoon (6485962)*
7.05 The Wombles Uncle Bulgaria's portrait comes to life (r) (5108639) **7.15 Widget** (7775523) **7.40 The California Raisin Show** (r) (3814726)
8.05 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors Jayce travels to a junk planet (r) (9786455)
8.30 The Adventures of T-Rex Animated dinosaurs (64271)
9.00 Saved by the Bell American high school comedy series (55523)
9.30 Dennis Cartoon adventures of the mischievous boy and his friends (r) (4259691) **9.45 Flipper** A marine scientist wants to conduct experiments on the lovable dolphin (842523)
10.15 Owl TV Michaela Strachan looks at chinchillas, the magical Seychelles and has lunch with a hungry tiger (Teletext) (834504)
10.45 Land of the Giants The adventures of miniature people in a giant world (r) (776851)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie Homespun family drama. Mary Ingalls is having doubts about her *forthcoming marriage to Adam (376815)*
12.45 Film: The Return of Frank James (1940). Henry Fonda repeats his role from the 1939 film, *Jesse James*, setting out to avenge the death of his outlaw brother. Gene Tierney co-stars in her film debut. An excellent traditional western, directed by Fritz Lang (Teletext) (37608558)
2.30 The Other Side of the Moon. *A philosophical* cartoon from Russia (4047813)
2.45 Football Italia James Richardson provides the commentary on the Serie A game between Napoli and Sampdoria (12640165) **5.25 News** and weather (8452078)
5.30 Hypnosis. This week's show from Brighton features Kylie Minogue, Buju Banton, Snow and DJ Tim Westwood (349)
6.00 The Real World American documentary series about a group of young people. Julie's and Kevin's friendship suffers against the background of the Los Angeles riots (s) (962)
6.30 The Cosby Show American domestic comedy starring Bill Cosby. (Teletext) (s) (542)
7.00 Equinox: Zen on Wheels A look at the way in which Japanese car manufacturers explore potential future markets (r). (Teletext) (1707)



Steven Isserlis plays Saint-Saëns (8.00pm)

8.00 Concerto! *(s) See Choice (8405)*
9.00 Action! Concluding the *South Bank Show*'s profile of Lord Attenborough. (Teletext) (8261)
10.00 Film: Magic (1978). Well-crafted but ponderous thriller starring Anthony Hopkins as a mad ventriloquist who falls under the murderous influence of his dummy. Adapted from the novel by William Goldman. Co-starring Ann-Margret and directed by Richard Attenborough (9097)
12.00 Film: My Girlfriend's Boyfriend (1987). Cool, delicate and intelligent study of the perils of young love, starring Emmanuelle Chaulet and Sophie Renoir as women who manipulate the men in their lives. With Eric Viellard and François-Eric Gendron. In French with English subtitles. Directed by Eric Rohmer (280672). Ends at **1.55am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25am Rin Tin Tin Hero of the West (7564523) **10.05** Cartoon (1476165) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (836962) **12.30pm** Countrywide (2217829) **1.10-2.00** Stuntmasters (3098078) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News on Sunday (230436) **1.05am** Quiz Night (6816653) **1.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9912566) **2.05** Film: Proud and Beautiful (568059) **3.50** The New Music (3443924) **4.50** America's Top Ten (33362127) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (6677818)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25am Rin Tin Tin *Hero of the West (7564523)* **10.05** *Cartoon Time (1476165)* **10.15-10.45** *The Littlest* Hobo (836962) **12.30pm** Central Newsweek (2217829) **1.10** Spinning the Globe (4908726) **2.10** Call That Singing (1625184) **2.45** Take 15 (4044726) **3.00-3.30** Challenge of the Seas (9875) **6.00** Cartoon (697287) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote *(22146)* **1.05am** *Prisoner: Cell Block H* (1654894) **2.00** Riviera (7329160) **2.55** Cue the Music (9610585) **3.55** Night Shift *(89529295)* **4.05** *Central Jobfinder* (2171818) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9359214)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25am Film: The *Magic Galoshes (1203707)* **10.15-10.45** *The* Littlest Hobo (836962) **11.00-12.00** Morning Worship (77894) **12.30-1.00** HTV Newsweek (95639) **1.10-2.00** The A-Team (3098078) **2.30-3.30** The West Match (47455) **5.30-5.45** Cartoon Time (355078) **5.45** The $64,000 Question (743813) **1.05am** Quiz Night (6816653) **1.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9912566) **2.05** Film: The Proud and the Beautiful (568059) **3.50** The New Music (3443924) **4.50** America's Top Ten *(33362127)* **5.15-5.30** *Jobfinder (6677818)*

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 11.00am-12.00 Morning Worship (77894) **12.30pm-1.00** Playback (95639) **2.30-3.30** Highway to Heaven (47455) **5.30-5.45** Cartoon (355078)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25am Rin Tin Tin Hero of the West (7564523) **10.05** Cartoon (1476165) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (836962) **12.30pm** Cartoon (4103417) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (29879078) **1.10** Call That Singing (7385558) **1.45-3.30** Film True as a Turtle (46974165) **5.30** Cartoon *(355078)* **5.45** *Champions (743813)* **6.15-6.20** Meridian News (125165) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (22146) **1.05am** One to One (6816653) **1.35** The ITV Chart Show (5719108) **2.35** The Art of Landscape (7572924) **3.05** Coach (19715547) **3.30** Anything Goes (23721) **4.30** An Invitation to Remember (84924) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (55924)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 9.25am Film: Pippi Goes on Board (1203707) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (836962) **11.00-12.00** Morning Worship (77894) **12.25pm** The Littlest Hobo (8824900) **1.10-2.00** Film: The Secret of Old Glory Mine (3098078) **2.35-3.30** Life Goes On (7237455) **5.30** Cartoon Time (442558) ***5.50-6.20*** *Tyne Tees Weekend (722691)* **1.05am** Quiz Night (6816653) **1.35** The Beat (5719108) **2.35** Zara Dhyan Dein (5725905) **2.40** Film: Kanoon Apna Apna (54134924)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 10.05am Cartoon Time (1476165) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo *(836962)* **12.30pm** *Westcountry Update* (2217829) **1.10-2.00** Family Theatre (3098078) **2.35** My Story (4048542) **2.50** Out of Limits (8003733) **3.00-3.30** The Champions (9875) **5.30-5.45** Around the World in 15 Minutes with Peter Ustinov (355078) **5.45** The $64,000 Question (743813) **6.15-6.20** Westcountry Weekend Latest (125165) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (22146) **1.05am** Quiz Night (6816653) **1.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9912566) **2.05** Film: The Proud and the Beautiful (568059) **3.50** The New Music (3443924) **4.50** America's Top Ten (33362127) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (6677818)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.25am Film: Pippi Goes on Board (1203707) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (836962) **11.00-12.00** Morning Worship (77894) **12.25pm** The Littlest Hobo (8824900) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (29879078) **1.10-2.00** Film: The Secret of Old Glory Mine (3098078) **2.35-3.30** Life Goes On (7237455) **5.30** Cartoon Time (442558) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (722691) **1.05am** Quiz Night (6816653) **1.35** The Beat (5719108) *2.35 Zara Dhyan Dein (5725905)* **2.40** Film: Kanoon Apna Apna (54134924) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6478276)

S4C

Starts: 7.05am The Wombles (5108639) **7.15** Widget *(7775523)* **7.40** The California Raisin Show (3814726) **8.05** Jayce and the *Wheeled Warriors (9786455)* **8.30** *The* Adventures of T-Rex (64271) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (55523) **9.30** Dennis (4259691) **9.45** Flipper (842523) **10.15** Owl TV (834504) **10.45** Land of the Giants (776851) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (376815) **12.45pm** Mork and Mindy (105504) **1.15** Evening Shade (102417) **1.45** Equinox (356436) **2.45** Football Italia (14433146) **5.00** Cow on the Moon (7368252) **5.15** The Best of Cutting Edge (980542) **6.15** Dinosaur Footprints (971894) **7.15** Hapus Dyrfa (722320) **7.45** Hel Straeon (721691) **8.15** Newyddion (276558) **8.20** Sarth Dewmod Ar Y Sul (825368) **8.35** In the Company of Whales (4230959) **10.05** LA Law (200349) **11.00** Silverlake Life (254726)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Hour of Power (77981) **7.00** Fun Factory (8299962) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (49900) **12.00** Wrestling Challenge (38368) **1.00pm** Battlestar Galactica (14788) **2.00** Crazy Like a Fox (75962) **3.00** WKRP in *Cincinnati (3097)* **3.30** *Fashion TV (2097)* **4.00** UK Top 40 (39523) **5.00** All American Wrestling (4349) **6.00** The Simpsons (27252) **7.00** Deep Space Nine (51287) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Days (68523) **10.00** Hill Street Blues (50558) **11.00-12.00** Entertainment Tonight (43261)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (1110417) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (91338) **11.30** Week In Review (52487) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (80233) **1.30** Target (61962) **2.30** ABC Nightline (83271) **3.30** Week in Review (97875) **4.30** Memories (1558) **5.00** Live at *Five (89829)* **6.30** *Roving Report (88962)* **7.30** Week In Review (2287) **8.00** News Hour *(84271)* **9.30** Target (71566) **10.30** Roving Report (14610) **11.30** CBS News (84981) **12.30am** ABC News (13011) **1.30** CBS News (99214) **2.30** Target (88634) **3.30** CBS News (50009) **4.30** Those Were The Days (28214) **5.30** CBS News (18009)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (41252)
8.00 Vanishing Wilderness Some rare inhabitants of the American country (99542)
10.00 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1989): A different treatment of Dickens's classic novel (20349)
12.00 One Against the Wind *(1991)* Judy Davis plays the second world war heroine, Mary Lindell. With Sam Neill (89165)
2.00pm Knightrider 2000 (1991): David Hasselhoff and his talking car track down a politician's assassins (61610)
4.00 An American Tail: Fievel goes West (1991): Animated mouse adventures in the Wild West (82144243)
5.50 Life Stinks (1991) Mel Brooks spends a month on the streets of Los Angeles where he befriends Lesley Ann Warren (17331813)
7.30 Xposure (6813)
8.00 Dead Again (1991). Kenneth Branagh plays a private-eye and Emma Thompson an amnesiac woman (53691)
10.00 Blue Heat (1990): An undercover narcotics squad (led by Brian Dennehy) discovers corruption in the force (812639)
11.45 Till Death Do Us Part (1991) Lovers have murder in their heart to get money in their pockets (565839)
1.30am I Start Counting (1969): Jenny Agutter suspects her foster-brother is a sex-murderer (68066856)
3.45 Impulse (1990): Theresa Russell plays an undercover cop wanted for murder (241586). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00 Annie (1981) Aileen Quinn wins the heart of Albert Finney, the war-mongering millionaire Daddy Warbucks (21074320)
6.05 Driftwood (1947) A small-town doctor adopts Natalie Wood (19472691)
7.50 Chisum (1970): John Wayne fights to protect his property (64958368)
9.45 8 1/2 (1963): Federico Fellini's film about a director, Marcello Mastroianni, in turmoil (32008436) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones Animated adventures (49894)
8.00 The Gypsy Warriors (1978): Two American soldiers are dropped into France to destroy a chemical laboratory (97184)
10.00 The Happy Ending (1969): Jean Simmons suffers a mid-life crisis (11691)
12.00 Matters of the Heart *(1990)* Romance between an aging pianist and her prodigy. With Jane Seymour (87707)
2.00pm Arachnophobia (1990). Spider mania with Jeff Daniels and John Goodman (69252)
4.00 Chance of a Lifetime (1990) Betty White and Leslie Nielson fall in love (8833)
6.00 Problem Child 2 *(1991): John Ritter* moves to a new town with his difficult son, looking for a wife (56788)
8.00 Postcards from the Edge (1990). Meryl Streep and Shirley MacLaine lead the all-star cast of Carrie Fisher's autobiographical novel (51233)
10.00 Live! From Death Row (1992) Intense thriller of a television journalist (Joanna Cassidy) held hostage by a mass murderer (797961)
11.35 Warm Summer Rain (1989) A couple spend a romantic week in a shack in the desert (251078)
1.00 Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture (1990): A photographer is hired by a Florida gangster to make a record of his execution (471498)
2.45 Oklahoma Crude (1973). Faye Dunaway enlists George C. Scott to help protect her oil well from the predatory tycoon, Jack Palance (975585) Ends at **4.35**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Superbikes (87504) **8.30** Redline. *Motorsport (62726)* **9.30** *Watersports World* (42349) **10.30** Superbikes (66707) **12.00** Goals on Sunday (23184) **1.30pm** The Boss (82788) **2.00** Super Sunday Preview (18542) **4.00** Super Sunday: Newcastle Utd v Blackburn Rovers (3875) **6.00** Super Sunday: Talkback (91436) **7.00** The Big League (65097) **9.00** US PGA Golf (88374) **11.00-1.00am** *Super Sunday (16558)*

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (59436) **7.30** Golf (46558) **8.30** Motor Racing: Belgium Formula One Grand Prix (56875) **9.00** Cycling (3114813) **1.00pm** Motor Racing (39184) **3.00** Cycling (78436) **4.00** Tennis (1271) **6.00** Golf (90146) **8.00** German Touring Cars (91875) **9.00** Indycar (94962) **11.00-12.30am** ATP Tennis (51610)

UK GOLD

7.00am Chorlton and the Wheelies (4194813) **7.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (7112374) **7.30** *Rude Dog and the Dweebs* (8981788) **8.00** Lassie (1078436) **8.30** The Secret Garden (1077707) **9.00** Dr Who (7592184) **11.00** Film: Carry on England (1976) (87317523) **12.35pm** Film: Carry on Loving (1970) (19684271) **2.10** Candid Camera (22905078) **2.30** Sorry! (7629748) **3.00** The Bill (30385726) **5.25** Oliver Twist (8918146) **6.00** Film: Flight of the Navigator (1986) (3320368) **7.30** The Two Ronnies (1066078) **8.30** The Six Wives of Henry VIII (86018726) **10.15** Film: Educating Rita (1983) Starring Michael Caine and Julie Walters (9919243) **12.15am** Rory Bremner (3318740) **12.45-2.30am** In Concert: Queen (9805295)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (40875) **7.00** Wizbit (24349) **7.30** Widget (36184) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (99658) **8.30** Raiikan II (98829) **9.00** Sharky and George (25851) **9.30** The Garbage Pail Kids (36523) **10.00** Heidi (86691) **10.30** Kissyfur (25815) **11.00** Ins Captain Pugwash (56225) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (55564) **12.00** Captain America (96417) **12.30pm** Ironman (47639) **1.00** Home Free (35894) **2.00** Secret Valley (6504) **2.30** Flash Gordon (7523) **3.00** Chicken Minute (5639) **3.30** Mr Majeika (9368) **4.00** The Electric Grandmother (28455) **5.00** Kat's and Dog (7964) **5.30** Start Here (8639) **6.00-7.00** Fame (26558)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Education. Witness to Change
6.55 Weather
7.00 The Phoenix and the Oracle. Celebrating the music of Byrd, Monteverdi and their contemporaries including Anon (Nutmegs and Ginger; Mother Watkins Ale), Philips (Pavan), *Byrd (Pavan and* Galliard in six parts; Lamentations); Danyel (Rosa); Byrd (Christe Qui Lux Es Et Dies); Anon (Green Sleeves Grimstock); Monteverdi (Vespers of St John the Baptist)
9.00 News
9.05 Patricia Routledge presents Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Reznicek (Overture: Donna Diana); Handel (Dixit Dominus, excerpt); Mozart (Sei du mein Trost; Das Kinderspiel); Schumann (Kinderszenen, Op 15, excerpts), Vaughan (Prelude. Rhosymedre); Milhaud (Le Carnaval d'Aix); Bach, arr Elgar (Fantasia and Fugue in C minor); Grieg (Solveig's Song, Peer Gynt), Holst (Suite: *The Planets, excerpts*); Schubert (Moments Musicaux, D780 Nos 3 and 4), Dvořák (Violin Concerto in A minor); Haydn (She Never Told Her Love); Grieg (Holberg Suite); Mozart (The Marriage of Figaro, Act 2 Finale)
12.00 Vintage Years: *John Steane* recalls Richard Tauber's career in opera and as a concert singer. Recordings include duets with Lotte Lehmann and Elisabeth Rethberg (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Poetry in Action Tears of Tar and Air-Conditioned Executives. A look at the world of business and industry (3/5)
1.20 Edinburgh International Festival: Royal Scottish National Orchestra under Walter Weller perform Janaček (Suite, The Cunning Little Vixen; Cantata, Amarus); Schubert (Mass in A flat, D678)
3.05 Shostakovich: the String Quartets: The Borodin Quartet perform String Quartets: No 10 in A flat, Op 118, No 11 in F minor, Op 122; *Piano Trio in E minor, Op 57*
4.25 Melvyn Tan, fortepiano, plays Mozart (Rondo in D, K485), Beethoven (Sonata in C, Op 2 No 3) (r)
5.00 Edinburgh International Festival: Orquestra de Cambra Theatre Lliure under Josep Pons performs Gerhard (Alegrias; Cancionero de Pedrell, 7 Haiku; Pandora)
6.20 Hebrides Ensemble performs Dohnanyi (Sextet in C, Op 37) (r)
7.00 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall. The London Classical Players and Schütz Choir under Roger Norrington with Christiane Oelze, soprano, *John Mark Ainsley, tenor,* Gerald Finley, bass, perform Haydn (The Seasons, Part 1 and 2). In the interval at **8.10**, *The impact of Haydn's visits to* England in the 1790s on his compositions (r)
9.55 Sunday Play: Suffer the Little Children. *See Choice*
10.55 Edinburgh International Festival: Chamber Group of Scotland under James MacMillan, Graeme McNaught, piano. MacMillan (Study on Two Planes, The Road to Ardtella, Three Dawn Rituals, Sonata for Piano. . . . . As Others See Us . . .
12.15am The Tryst: Sounds from a Gaelic past performed by the Whistlebinkies
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World **7.40** Sunday incl **8.00** News; **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** John Cole appeals for the Week's Good Cause on behalf of the Corrymeela Community **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service: Mass from the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Leeds
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand with Allison Pearson
11.30 Pick of the Week: with Charles Kennedy. (r)
12.15pm In the Psychiatrist's Chair Marjorie Proops, the *doyenne of Britain's agony* aunts, talks candidly about sex, violence, power, betrayal and guilt **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend with Ben Bradshaw **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: *Members of the Yeovil and* District Gardening Society put their questions to the panel
2.30 Classic Serial: Tono-Bungay by H.G. Wells. George's childhood in idyllic Kent is brought to an abrupt halt when he is thrown at the mercy of his eccentric relatives. With Paul Keating, James Laurenson and Diane Bull
3.30 Tolstoy — At War and Peace. Compiled by Michael Bakewell from the author's writings and the letters and diaries of family and friends (r)
4.00 News; Ages Past by Colin McLaren. Three centuries of English family life in diaries and letters (r)
4.47 Siesta Days, Fiesta Nights by Drew Launay. Drew visits a mountain village where his wife lived as a child
5.00 News; Blunkett on Borders: Shrewsbury. David Blunkett, MP, returns to his schoolboy haunts (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! with Simon Rae **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'clock News
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 Notes From Laputa: The final part of Fintan O'Toole's journey through Ireland
7.00 In Business. Shelf Life. The profit margins of the supermarket chains are under attack (r)
7.30 A Good Read. Edward Blishen and his guests Elizabeth Esteve-Coll and Kirsten Lippincott select three paperbacks (r)
8.00 Rites of Passage See Choice
8.30 Pony Tales: *The Pullein-*Thompson sisters have been writing children's pony novels since 1946. Frances Donnelly delves among the roots of their success
9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Science Friction. Professor John Durant discusses the impact of scientific research (r)
11.00 Out of Order: A light-hearted test of political knowledge (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Professor David Maclellan looks at the life and work of the French mystic, Simone Weil
11.45 Before the Ending of the Day
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Rites of Passage: Earth from Israel. *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*
Nothing I can say here about Bel Mooney's new series about the funeral rituals of six ethnic communities in Britain will reassure all of you that she has not embarked on a morbid exercise, and that life, not death, is what she ought to be dealing with. *In her defence*, let me remind you how fascinatingly she handled bereavement in her last series, and how therapeutic the programmes must have been. Her new series begins with the rituals observed by the Jews of north-west London when they bury and mourn their dead.

Suffer the Little Children. *Radio 3, 9.55pm.*
Don't believe *Radio Times*. The drip-drip you hear in Simon Gray's play is not tears but acid. We almost smell the carpet sizzling during the Sunday afternoon this ghastly family spend after what sounds like an equally ghastly lunch served by Sian Phillips's dotty Nanty, blissfully unaware of the hellish fumes that are swirling all around her. *Radio Times* is right, though, about the play's having its funny moments. However, in Gray's plays, "*funny*" is always a relative term. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** *Neale James (FM only until* **6.00**) **7.00am** Gary Davies. The Weekend Breakfast Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The Official UK Top 40 **7.00** The Official 1FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Elizabeth *Power* **12.00-7.00** *Vintage Years* incl Desmond Carrington **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Rosemarie Ford **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour Summer Specials **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Paul Cola **12.05am** Adrian Finighan **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Whoppers by Steve Walker (5/6) (r) **10.00** Johnnie Walker **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.40pm** Open Forum **1.00** Sunday Sport with Jonathan Legard including Motor Racing, Football, Cricket and Golf **7.20** Open University: Generals of the Revolution — I K Brunel. **7.40** Europe and a Changing World: States of Mind: **8.00** Montaigne and Political Authority; **8.20** Assignment 103, **8.40** Maths: Differential Equations; **9.00** Open Forum: Student News and Views, **9.20** Art Works, **9.40** Animal Navigators and Time Keepers **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Sunday Feature. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Short Story: Louie's Balloons **5.45** The *Miles Kington Interview* **6.00** *Newshour* **7.00** *News* **7.15** *Letter from America* **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Ray on Record **10.00** News **10.05** Business Review **10.15** Short Story: Louie's Balloons **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** The John Dunn Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: The Curse of the Pharoah **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** The Fight Against AIDS **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.15** Images of Wales **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News in German **8.00** Music Inside Out **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Brain of Britain **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Short Story: Louie's Balloons **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Ray on Record **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** News **2.01** The Record Producers **2.45** The Cello on Record **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Composer of the Month, Felix Mendelssohn **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Joan Thirkettle **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Nicky Horne **2.00pm** Celebrity Choice **3.00** *Concerto!* **4.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance **8.00** Evening Concert: Bruckner (Symphony No 1 in C minor, Motets, Locus Iste; Christus Factus est **10.00** Contemporary Classics **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Paul Coyte **2.00pm** Emperor Rosko **4.00** The Album Chart **7.00** Wendy Lloyd **10.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beach

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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF TELEVISION IN THE COMING WEEK

The thawing of David Frost



Most of the good things next week are set in the past. Trot into the heroic Old West with Robert Duvall and a company of hard men, loose women and pleasant horses; then trip back into the 1960s for a day-long orgy, with a history of Atlantic Records along the way. Best presenter of the week is Ludovic Kennedy. And the anti-hero is David Frost, the first man with the dubious strength of character to dedicate himself to becoming a television star.



The pilot *Steptoe and Son* is being shown on Monday

● Frost in the air
Tomorrow, BBC2, 8.30-9.25pm
It is very hard for anyone from my generation to understand what all the fuss was about with *That Was the Week That Was*. It is even harder to understand how its smugly smirking frontman, David Frost, became such a star.

"He was in love with showbiz," Willie Rushton says. He wanted to act, sing and dance; the only tricky thing being that "he couldn't do any of them". "He looked like a real person," Alasdair Milne offers. "His real talent was being David Frost," Christopher Booker says. Or try Ned Sherrin on the man's appeal and anti-appeal: "Some thought he was a supercilious little git, others thought he was St George for England."

The most impressive fact thrown out in this first of a three-part career biography is that when boy Frost was in his teens he was offered professional terms as a footballer with Nottingham Forest. Instead, he went up to Cambridge, where he edited *Granta* and bounced about in the *Footlights*. After university he became a television researcher, then a reporter, and when Sherrin was putting together his "ad-lib satirical comedy" he chose as its presenter "the young comedian" David Frost.

TW3 was, its fond old memorists say, "dynamite". It was clearly well-written, and it had a good team of comics and polemicists, including Rushton, Roy Kinnear, Millicent Martin and Bernard Levin. The dynamite was political — charged against the "tawdry shamming" of the government ("the country was exhausted with the Conservatives," Frost recollects; hard to imagine nowadays). And most of the show's enemies aimed their ire at Frost: he "oozes out discontent, cynicism and unhappiness"; "a rat not fit to lick the prime minister's shoes".

Old buffers, some who were involved in the show, others who hated it, are wheeled out to remember the glory days when the establishment was the enemy and it was rocked by a clever little late night programme. But the show that Frost seems proudest of was the one that followed the assassination of John F. Kennedy, when the "respect and reverence" the team displayed was appreciated by the US Senate: this is not a good recommendation for a radical satire programme.

The first episode ends with Frost in 1965, unemployed, a famous face without a screen to press his famous smirk against. It says a lot for both this documentary and for the emblematic quality of the man that even if you are still not entirely convinced that he is as important as everyone says he is you are impatient to find out what is going to happen to our hero in episode two.

● One Day in the 60s
Monday, BBC2, 11.35am-midnight
"This masculine attire, is it part of the madness outside?" wails Gerald Harper to a chirpy dolly bird in jeans; and then he pulls on his cape to slump out into the dangerous world of 1960s London. *Adam Adamant Lives* is one of a stack of programmes from that decade which BBC2 is slapping at us on bank holiday, interspersed with news, sports and music.

Some of the shows are pure camp — Peter Wyngarde in *Department S* dandied up in velvet and facial hair chasing baddies through bright colours and mad parties. Some are just odd — Sandie Shaw, looking sultry and stoned, presenting a travel show from the top of a horse: "Hi, I'm moving around". Others, such as *Steptoe and Son* and *Marty*, are just very good.

The Man Alive Story tells the story of Desmond Wilcox and the team chasing misery and tears. *Sixties Babylon* goes for the obvious sleaze and sexy Soho showgirls.

The lure of this day is primarily nostalgic, to celebrate Henry Cooper and Georgie Best, and Mia Farrow in *Peyton Place*, and all the other swinging icons. But it's a slightly dubious exercise that television producers are falling increasingly in love with — parcelling history into neat, glittery decades.

● Lonesome Dove
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, BBC1, 9-10.30pm
After the photographs of Western pioneers, the screen goes from sepia to colour and we're looking at a dusty ranch in south Texas in the late 19th century, and Robert Duvall is doing some comic work with a couple of pigs. This is a Western in the grand epic tradition: Duvall and Tommy Lee Jones play a pair of Texas Rangers (Duvall is hard and humorous and philosophical and moral; Jones is just hard and moral) bored with farming who decide to drive a herd of stolen horses 2,500 miles up to Montana. Along the way they're going to meet with killers and gamblers and renegade half-breeds and whores; and little Newt will become a man; and Duvall will meet his old love, Angelica Huston; and people will die and others will be born; and everything will end if not happily, at least neatly.

Lonesome Dove is based on the novel by Larry McMurty (who also wrote the books on which *The Last Picture Show* and *Hud* were based). It's great entertainment, packed with good dialogue, large emotions and the rich sentimentality of men doing manly things. It all looks a little too TV-clean, and some of the casting is eccentric (Lorena is supposed to be a Texas whore but comes over like a Californian surfer on vacation). Duvall is magnificent.

● Love and Reason
Wednesday, BBC2, 9.25-10.25pm
Love and Reason is a more parochial heroic drama. Lou Larson is a firebrand of the left. She's a socialist sister, whose activism was sparked by the miners' strike of 1984-5 and who is now the shadow minister for the family, the Labour Party's rising star — but some nasty right-wingers are plotting against her.

This three-part drama is good clean fun with a right-on heart (although Lou's sisterliness is called into question by her willingness to sleep with married men). It's narrated by one of the men in her life ("Barnsley's answer to Nye Bevan") and is good on the left's political infighting, the old cronies fiddling about in their cushy council jobs: and it's good, too, on the generation of activists whose revolutionary hopes foundered on the rocks of the miners' strike and the 1987 Labour defeat.

This first episode sets the scene in 1987: will the righteous women save the crèche? and will they halt the leisure development? We then move forward into 1993: will Lou front the party election broadcast? or will she come a cropper, ruined by her past indiscretions and her male enemies and the machinations of the dodgy journalist with the Paul Merton haircut?



The past catches up with David Frost in a three-parter starting tomorrow on BBC2

● Witness: Consider the End
Thursday, Channel 4, 9-10pm
"Before my brain turns to jelly I would like to opt out with dignity," says a terminal cancer patient who is saving up his drugs until he has enough with which to kill himself. A man who served a three-year sentence for helping his dying wife to die would do the same thing again.

Ludovic Kennedy — television's Mr Gravitas — presents a cogent and extremely persuasive case for the legalisation of voluntary euthanasia. It is a rigorous argument: he gathers the evidence and the case studies, he meets the legal and medical experts and visits Holland, where euthanasia has been decriminalised, with stringent safeguards.

The prime enemies of voluntary euthanasia are the Church and the British Medical Association. Kennedy gets in some good old-fashioned bashing of the "medieval" and "barbaric" Catholic Church for hypocrisy and lack of compassion here. And the programme reminds us that the BMA almost always lags behind popular parliamentary opinion — it was against allowing contraception in the 1920s and against abortion in the 1960s.

The most persuasive opponent Kennedy meets is Dame Cicely Saunders, the founder of the hospice movement. "I don't think we're a society that can be trusted," Saunders says, in a genteely sinister way. "There is the danger that voluntary euthanasia won't remain voluntary."

Dying well is as important as living well, Kennedy says. This is his main philosophical point, and he cites John Donne, Seneca, Thomas More and David Hume to give his opinion some weight (and, for some contemporary weight, the slightly odd choice of Dirk Bogarde).

Pehaps the most convincing arguments come from the doctors, British and Dutch, who have performed euthanasia. They haltingly describe the mixture of triumph and sadness they felt after having sped a patient towards a friendly death.

● Atlantic Records: Hip to the Tip
Thursday, Channel 4, 10.35pm-12.25am
A good, thorough documentary, filled with wonderful music, populated by genial enthusiasts looking back on the good old days (Atlantic is now a subsidiary of the Time-Warner corporation), and dominated by Ahmet Ertegun, casually foul-mouthed and indiscreet.

Ertegun was a jazz fan in the golden period of the 1940s, but he lived in strictly segregated Washington DC. When he wanted to listen to live jazz in mixed company he'd usually invite the musicians to come play at his house. It helped that his father was the Turkish Ambassador to the United States and that their home was the spacious Turkish Embassy.

Ertegun ("the playboy, the daredevil", gushes a former colleague, "debonair, the continental") was led by his love of music to start a small record label. Sometimes it takes an outsider to celebrate some of the best aspects of his adopted country: Ertegun had the good taste of an enthusiastic outsider and Atlantic Records' successful history is largely the history of post-war black music up to the 1970s.

Atlantic's first success was with a New Orleans rhythm and blues hit called "Drinking Wine Spo-dee-o-dee"; but the company rode each new musical wave: from r 'n' b to the doo wop of the Coasters (Ertegun wrote some of their early successes) to the genius of Ray Charles and on through The Drifters, Otis Redding, Aretha Franklin, all the way to Led Zeppelin and The Rolling Stones.

● Paul Merton — The Series
Friday, Channel 4, 10.30-11pm.
The man is back in his seedy sweets-and-tobacco booth, peddling some good one-liners and some variable sketches. It's engaging enough, better than most programmes of the type, but Merton is essentially the witty class nasty who shines best when surrounded by swots (*Have I Got News For You*, even *Just A Minute*).

BEST FILMS

TODAY
Grand Hotel 1932, US (Ch4, 1-3.05pm)
The Legend of the Holy Drinker 1988, It (BBC2, 10.50pm-12.55am)
TOMORROW
The African Queen 1951, US (BBC1, 3-4.40pm)
MONDAY
Lonely Are the Brave 1962, US (BBC2, 9.50-11.35am)
Barbarella, 1967, Fr/It (BBC2, 11.40pm-1.15am)
FRIDAY
48 Hours, 1982, US (BBC1, 9.30-11.05pm)

BEST SPORT

TODAY
Athletics: *Berlin Grand Prix* (ITV, 1.10pm)
Match of the Day (BBC1, 10.10pm)
TOMORROW
Grandstand: Belgian Grand Prix; ice hockey; showjumping (BBC2, 12.30 pm)
Italian Football (Ch4, 2.45 pm)
Athletics: *MacDonald's Games* (ITV, 3.30 pm)
FRIDAY
Athletics: *Brussels Grand Prix* (ITV, 10.40pm)

TV CHAT

MONDAY
Right to Reply Special: Dennis Potter in Edinburgh (Ch4, 7pm)

The Kids are all right, all night

Caitlin Moran succumbs to the magic of Reading



THE minute you step off the train, it's like a slap across the face. Hundreds of weekend gypsies sprawl across the plaza, straggly hair ripped into brittle knots of string by the wind, skin starting to turn red under the sun, all daubed in the colours of cheerily tatty clothes: lazily lounging heaps of brocade shirts and velvet trousers and worn cotton dresses.

These are The Kids — the nation's clutch of space-eyed youth, hanging around waiting for their friends, and scuffing their shiny boots against walls to fend off boredom. They are here for the Reading Festival, the music industry's frantic last fling before grey autumn misery sets in, and rock music goes back to places with roofs.

This is three days of *noise*. The air buckles under the constant attack of sound; sound bouncing off the buildings and the tents, sound bouncing off your body, sound bouncing off sound. Everybody's skin is vibrating, making the blood seem to shudder and try to circulate outside the confines of your body, dancing to the sound of the Butthole Surfers gyrating on the main stage, Leatherface crashing about in the *Melody Maker* tent, and Sub Sub conducting dubious freak-out type things in a field near the car park.

Last year was my first Reading Festival — my first festival of any kind — and I wandered around the arena with my hands in my pockets and my ears hanging from my head on bits of string. In the far-off empty black shell of the main stage, three roadies took it in turns to wander up to the microphone and mutter, "Boo, boo", occasionally punctured by a startling outburst of "Ghhhhrgh".

Instruments would fall over, and writhe around, greased electricity, emitting whines and screams until humanely put down by the road crew. The PA system would crackle into life and play a glowing slab of ultra-pop, replaced by a nasty guitar thrashing session from an unwashed American band. A thousand transistor radios bickered among themselves. As the batteries wore down over the weekend, the dance beats got slower and slower, until, by Sunday, Reading had relaxed into laid-back reggae and doped ragga.

Moseying down the walkways, past 100 stalls selling botulism and dubious looking fried things, clutches of Kids squeal over the brightness of the sun, the size of the site, the grit in the mayonnaise and the sheer excitement of living, for three days, in the middle of the world's biggest party.

Overheating dogs lolloped around, dribbling strings of glistening goo and panting rhythm tracks for people to talk in time to, and always, there was the far off muezzin wail of dealers trying to flog "trips and Es". My friend and I, in our innocent state, thought they were selling chips and peas, and marvelled that technology had enabled the man to keep a large supply of them in his trouser pockets.

Dusk turns the site blind, a thousand fingers of dim night lay their hands on the field, and suddenly the sounds twist and become airborne, and they become solid — the air feels thick and filled with a thousand hanging conversations and half-heard songs. Sometimes, shouts and three-second loops of laughter brush past, skimming and pulling the hair on your head.

As the blank canvas night sucks up the daylight, a thousand bonfires spring up, ripping holes in the ghosted dark. The Kids suddenly take it into their heads to bulk-buy shrill, glow-in-the-dark whistles, and attempt Morse-code conversations. It sounds like a school of baby dolphins lost at sea. Occasionally, a whine of feedback from the stage echoes the whistles, making it sound like a whale eavesdropping on the conversation and answering back. After the bands have finished on the main stage, private and public parties turn the air electric Art Deco until daybreak.

And on Monday morning, suddenly everything is silent again. One or two radios — if the batteries are still working/haven't been eaten during the party the night before — will burble cheerily about traffic problems and road blocks. The air is empty again, just a washy pale grey, streaked with scruffy clouds and the odd, utterly wrecked bird. My ears ached to have sound splashed against them again. I wandered back to the train station, with thousands of other muted Kids, and bought my first Walkman.

CHRIS TAYLOR/RETNA



The weekend gypsies gather for a weekend of noise "that makes the blood seem to shudder"

WINNING MOVE

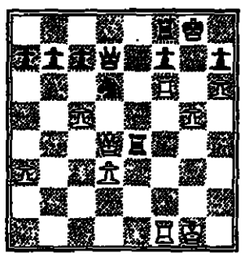
By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Basman - Balshan, Israel 1981. Here White broke through the weakened Black king's wing and delivered checkmate in three moves. Can you see how?

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Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Nf6+.

The winners are: G Mancey, Ashford; E Bell, Bangor; D R Goodwin, Bishop Auckland.



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BOSA
a. Stupid
b. An Egyptian drink
c. A Catalan Republican

AMICT
a. A treaty of friendship
b. White rum
c. A head kerchief

GANTLOPE
a. Military punishment
b. To gape while running
c. Garlic sauce

FLANDAN
a. Lady's head-dress
b. Pastry
c. A devoted priest

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